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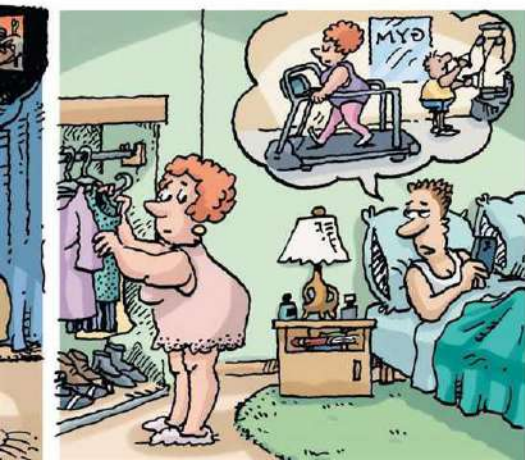
# A MAD LOOK AT







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Every generation develops its own "protest look." In the sixties, the ultimate expression of rebellion was to have long, greasy hair. Today, the only people with long greasy hair work in the film industry or manage comic book shops. Currently, tattoos and body piercings identify Gen-X trendies rebelling against society and their parents. But tomorrow, you might need tattoos to get into the Boy Scouts! That's the problem with protest looks—society eventually accepts and gets used to them, meaning the next generation has to come up with an even more outrageous and grotesque trend. What does the future hold? Let's travel down not-yet-memory lane and explore...

# BODY MODIFICATION TRENDS OF THE FUTURE

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## 2000 RASTA NOSTRILS

The exotic, reggae-drenched underground cool of Rastafarianism hits cultural peak when the nose-hair fad sweeps the nation.



## 2012 BODY WARPING

Leg and arm bones are deliberately broken and permanently reset in positions that nature never intended. Favorite styles include the "butterfly knot," the "pretzel," and the ever-popular "YMCA."







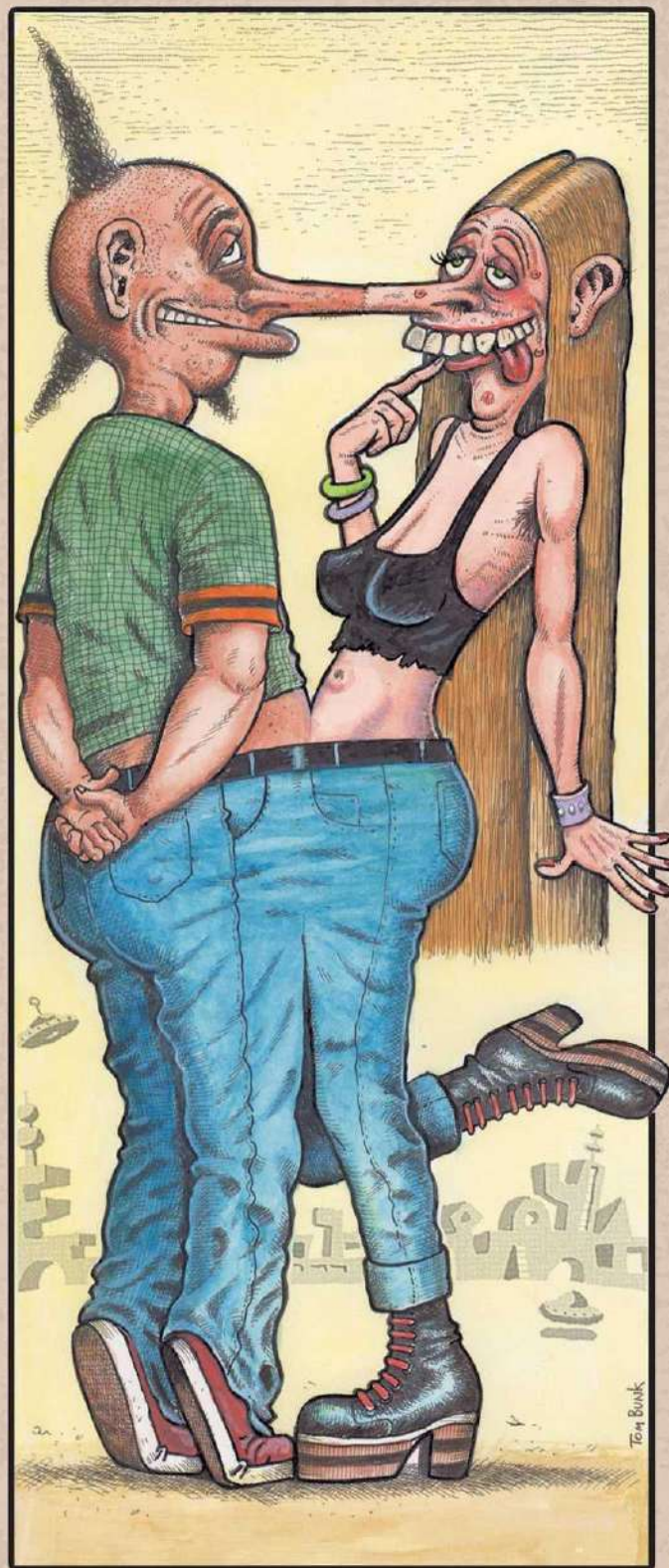
## 2023 PIRATE COOL

Needless amputations and prosthetic limbs become the ultimate in radical fashion when a look dubbed "pirate cool" sweeps the nation. Kids everywhere go in for peg legs, hooks, and laser eye removal surgery.



## 2026 WRINKLE CHIC

An offshoot of the baggy pants look of the 90s, baggy skin becomes all the rage. People have their epidermis pulled and stretched like saltwater taffy until their faces and bodies attain that wrinkly, casual, totally fly shar-pei dog look.



## 2028 BODY WELDING aka CONJOINOPLASTY

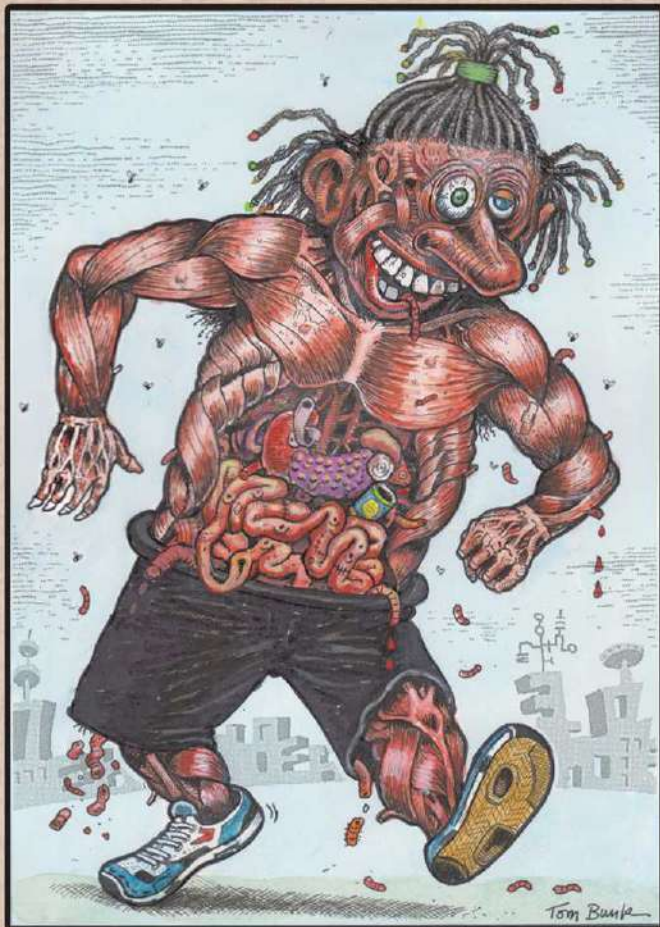
Having your boyfriend's or girlfriend's name tattooed on your body is no longer enough to express your eternal devotion. Instead, couples display their commitment to each other by undergoing "body welding," a process in which their flesh is stitched together at a spot of their choosing, joining them forever in a permanent bond of love and togetherness.





## 2030 UNICORNOPLASTY

Tough guy wannabes everywhere have a unicorn horn surgically implanted in their foreheads. Besides having a new symbol of their rugged individuality, they can also take part in bloody head-butting contests to settle their mating, financial, and sports trivia disputes with friends and rivals.



## 2036 CELLOPHANE STYLE

Layers of skin are surgically removed and replaced with clear transparent plastic in order to expose internal organs and blood vessels, attaining the trendy "Slim Goodbody/visible man" look.



## 2033 TATTOO A-GLOW-GLOW

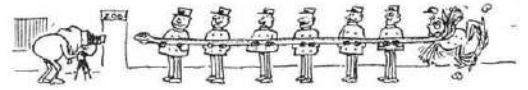
Flourescent ink and microchips implanted undernaeth the skin make possible the newest in body augmentation—flashing neon tattoos! Programmable to flash different messages, most opt to announce their allegiance to a gang or a band, or to publicize there homepage on the web.



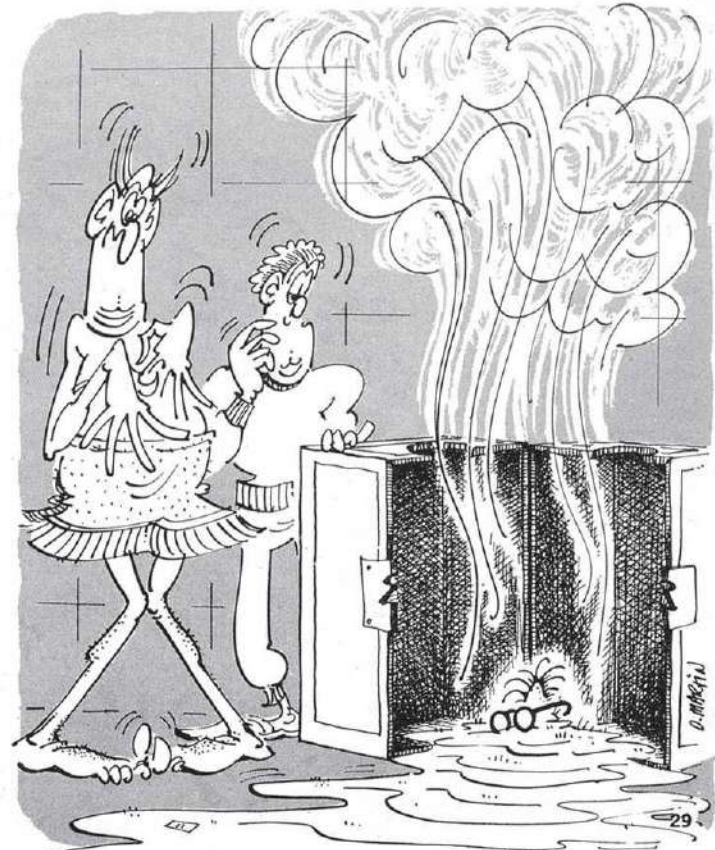
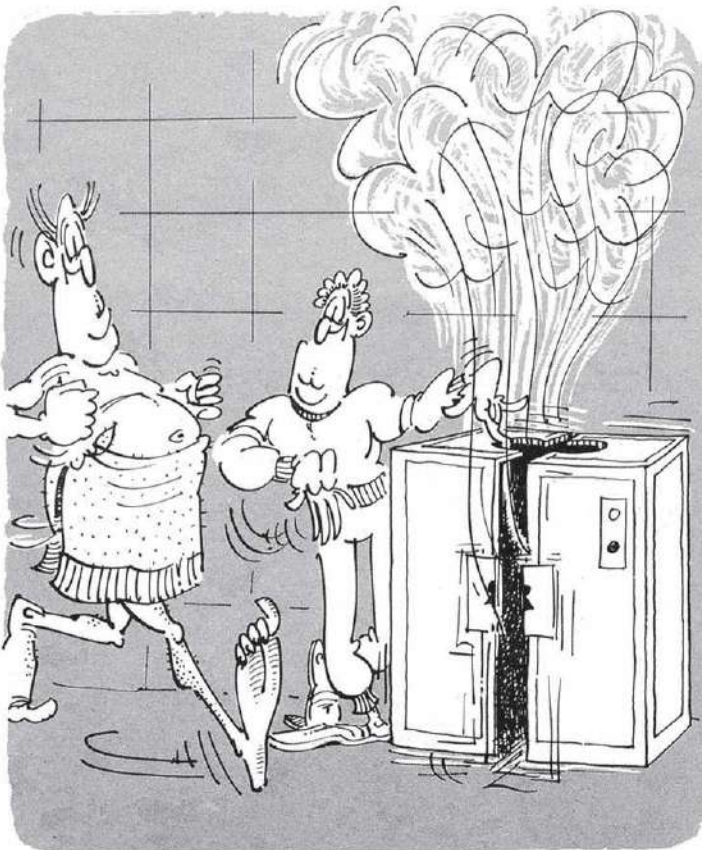
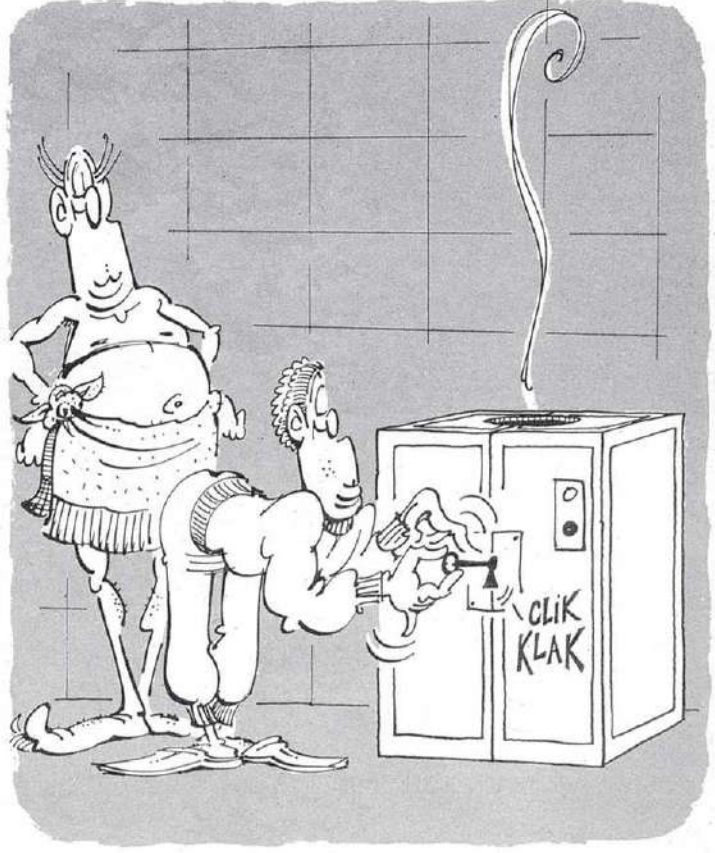
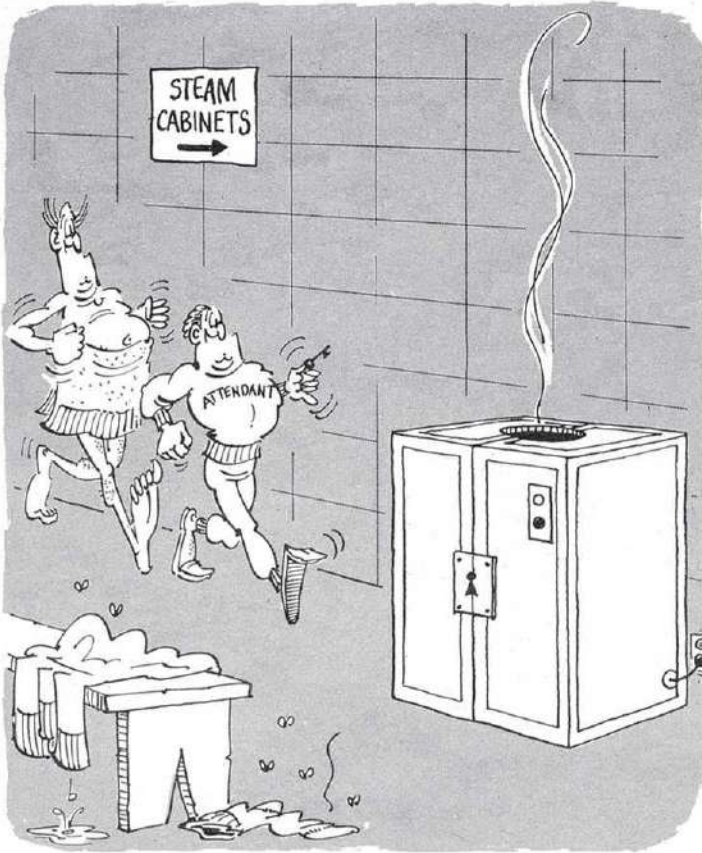
## 2040 CRITTERIZING aka MANIMAL MORPHING

Radical animal lovers undergo procedures to resemble the creatures the most adore. Elective options add udders, hupms, and marsupial pouches. Sea lovers have blowholes and gills created, and can add steel wire piercings through their cheeks, creating the makeshift catfish look so in vogue.



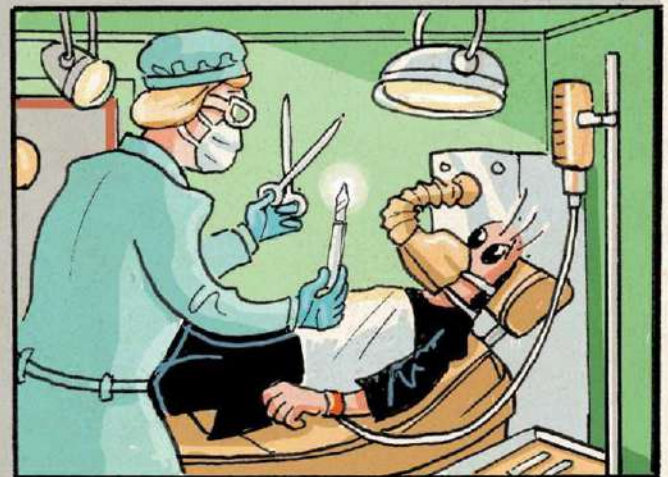
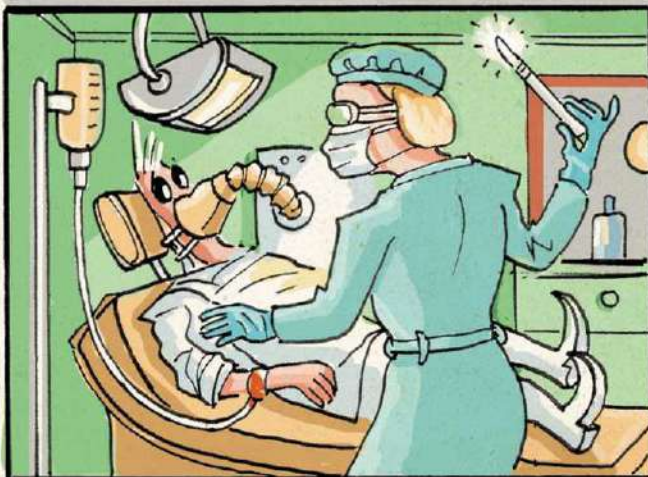
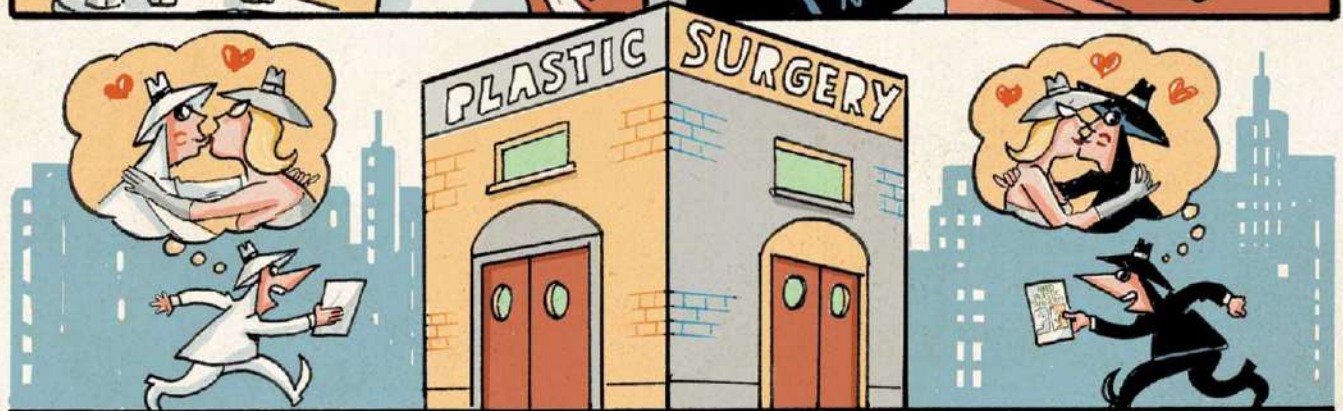
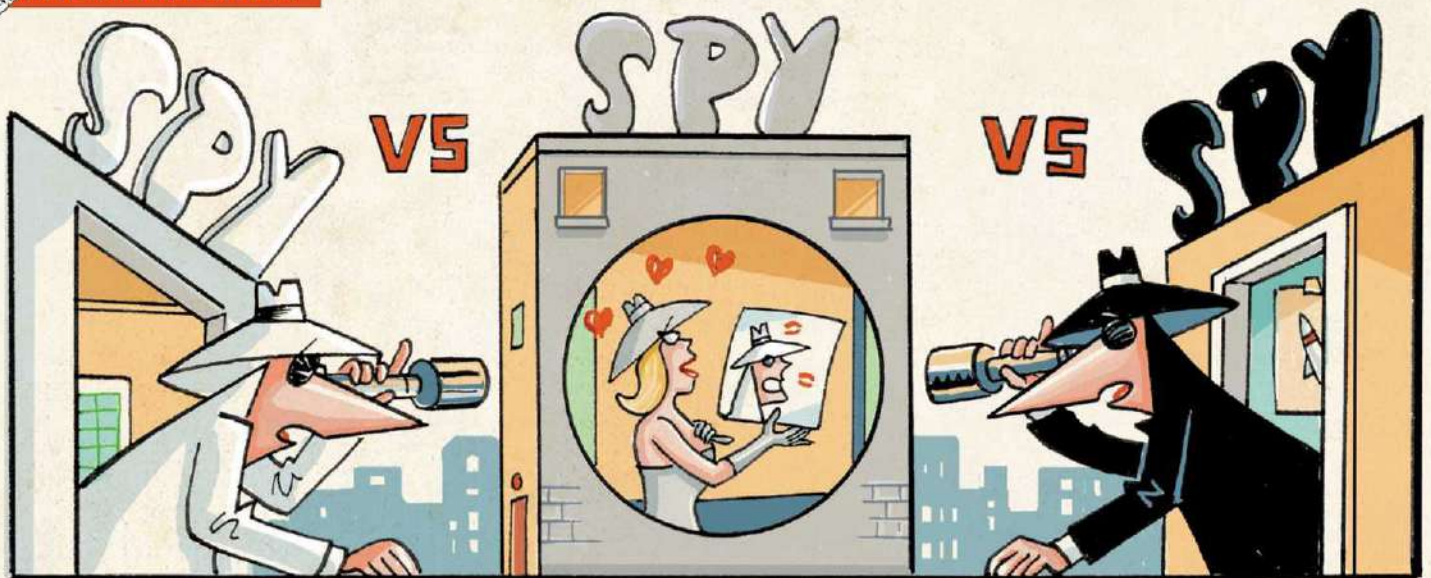


# ONE EVENING AT THE HEALTH CLUB



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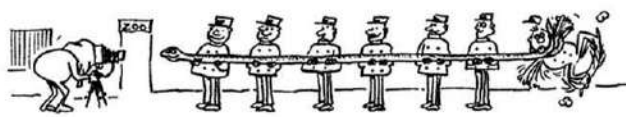
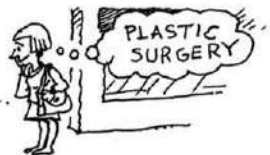




# DRAWN OUT DRAMAS

BY

SERGIO ARAGONES







## WAR OF THE POSES DEPT.

Most people who seek enlightenment and peace through yoga attend strenuous classes, visit weird ashrams, and endlessly repeat mind-numbing mantras (fa fa om, fa fa om, fa fa om)! But the truth is you don't need training, knowledge or dedication of any kind to be a true Yoga master, because you already are one! In fact, whether you realize it or not, you practice difficult and advanced Yoga postures on an everyday basis, which you're sure to recognize in these...

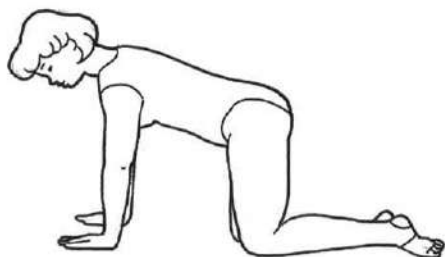
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# YOGA POSITIONS

## THAT OCCUR IN DAILY LIFE

### THE YOGA POSITION

### THE REAL LIFE EQUIVALENT



**Ox Pose**



**Vomiting your guts out after a long night of hard drinking**



**Holy Fig Tree Pose**



**Putting the angel on top of the Christmas tree**



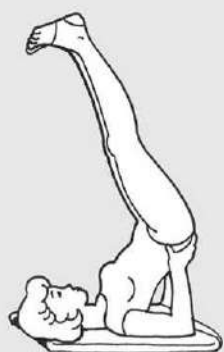
**Boat Posture**



**Lifting legs for vacuum**



**THE YOGA POSITION**



**Shoulder Stand**

**THE REAL LIFE EQUIVALENT**



**Putting on tight jeans**

**THE YOGA POSITION**



**Tree Pose**



**Child Pose**



**Playing dead to avoid making small talk**



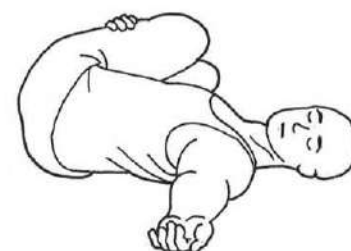
**Eagle Pose**



**Folded Pose**



**Falling asleep while pulling all-nighters during finals week**



**Supine Twist**



**Cows Arms**



**Trying to get something off your back**



**Lotus Pose**



## THE REAL LIFE EQUIVALENT



**Holding it in on a long public restroom line**



**Riding the subway at rush hour**



**Retrieving remote from under sofa**

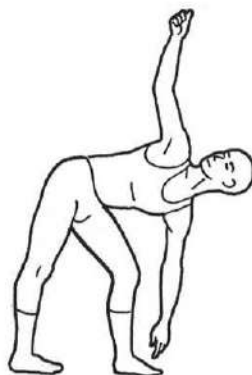


**Sitting in back of an economy car**

## THE YOGA POSITION



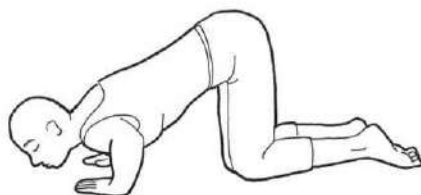
**Standing Half Lotus**



**Extended Triangle**



**Chair Pose**



**Swan Pose**

## THE REAL LIFE EQUIVALENT



**Checking to see what you've stepped in**



**Pumping gas from the wrong side**



**Squatting over a nasty public toilet while holding door with broken latch closed**



**Kissing American soil after returning from a budget cruise from hell**





# Universal Pet Peeves of Beloved Yoga Masters

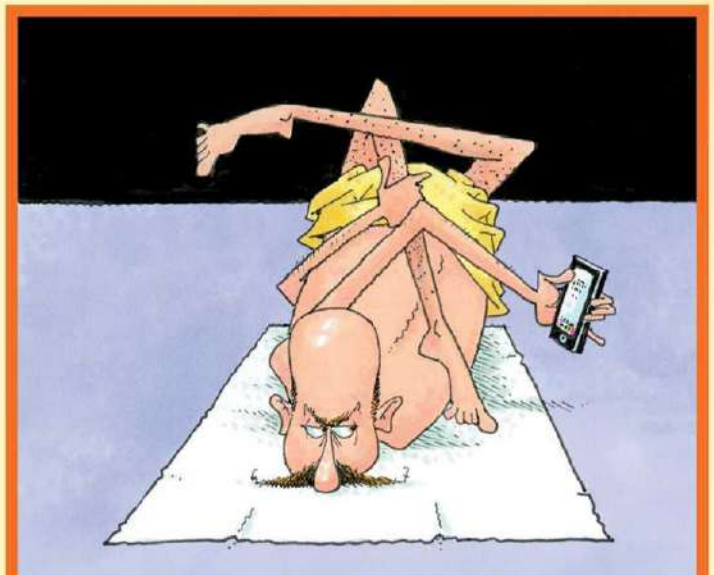
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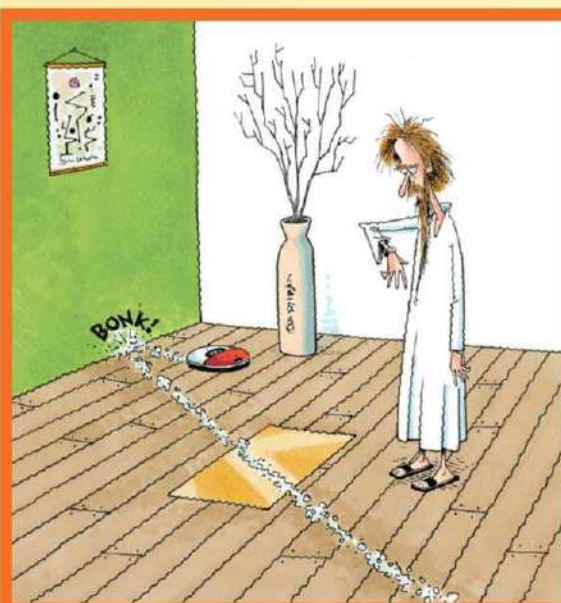
Inconsiderate a-holes who burp their mantras



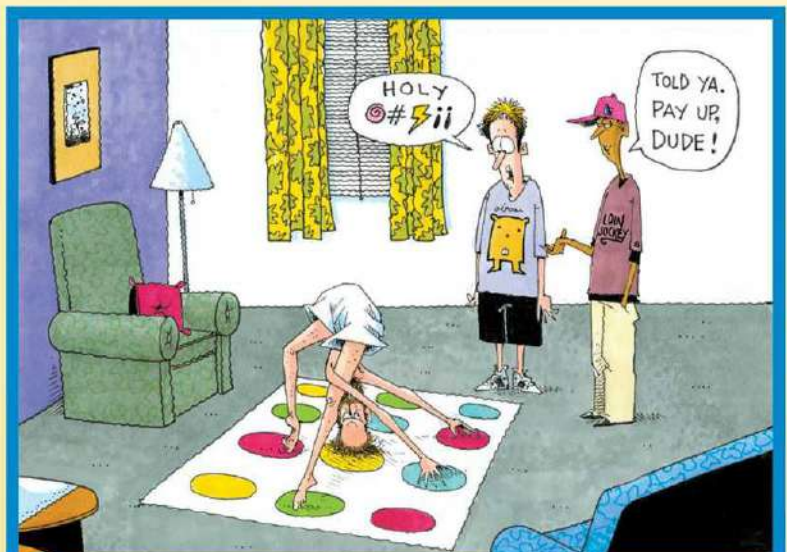
When your chakras are vibrating in accordance with your inner harmony and you create a perfect fusion of mind, body and spirit...at least until your ass muscles fall asleep



Telemarketers always call when you're in the "dining caribou" position



Having to wait an hour and a half for the Roomba to finish the yoga mat



Getting conned into a really advanced position by some lard ass out to win a stupid Twister-related bet



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"I went from this..."

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The AB Terrorizer is a phenomenal combination of weights, pulleys, leverage and advertising hype!

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Normally, it would be very difficult. But because of the precision tooling and geometrically sound leverage pivot points of the AB Terrorizer, the 786 pounds is no more difficult to lift than a small Buick of equal weight!

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**The complete AB Terrorizer is only \$249.95! There are no hidden extras! Your AB Terrorizer is available for pickup at either of our two convenient warehouse locations in Kowloon Peninsula, Hong Kong or Krakow, Poland. Should you wish delivery to your home, the AB Terrorizer is still only \$249.95, plus \$2,374.85 freight, handling and bubble wrap. For even faster service call 1-800-HERNIA!**

## USE THIS MONEY SPENDING COUPON RIGHT NOW!!!

**Yes!** Rush me my AB Terrorizer right away! I understand that if for any reason I am unhappy or not completely satisfied, Nordic Trap guarantees to feel phenomenally sympathetic for my disappointment without being required to refund the purchase price or assume any other responsibility whatsoever. This same sympathy clause applies to Nordic Trap's exclusive iron-clad warranty should my AB Terrorizer ever break down or malfunction in any way.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State: \_\_\_\_\_  
ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to:** Ab Terrorizer  
T Reps Drive  
Dubious Claims, Nebraska  
68504



Before you start any exercise program, consult a doctor. Before bringing an AB Terrorizer into your home, consult a structural engineer.





SO VIAL DEPT.

Have you ever considered the loneliness of the physically perfect—those whose good looks alienate them from the frumpier masses? Meet Eli Twinkle, a man so desperate to fit in, he resorts to an ugly solution...

# THE SCHLUBSTANCE

WRITER PAULA SEVENBERGEN

ARTIST HERMANN MEJIA



You're *fifty*??  
You look amazing! What's your secret?

Beer and wings? Haha. No, just good genes, really.



Look at Eli, getting fawned over again.

Yeah...he kinda makes me feel *bad* about myself.

Me, too! Getting a VP spot at the insurance agency and the Jag *should* be enough. Do men our age need to worry about our *looks* now?



NAH!!



We just have to quit hanging out with *him*.

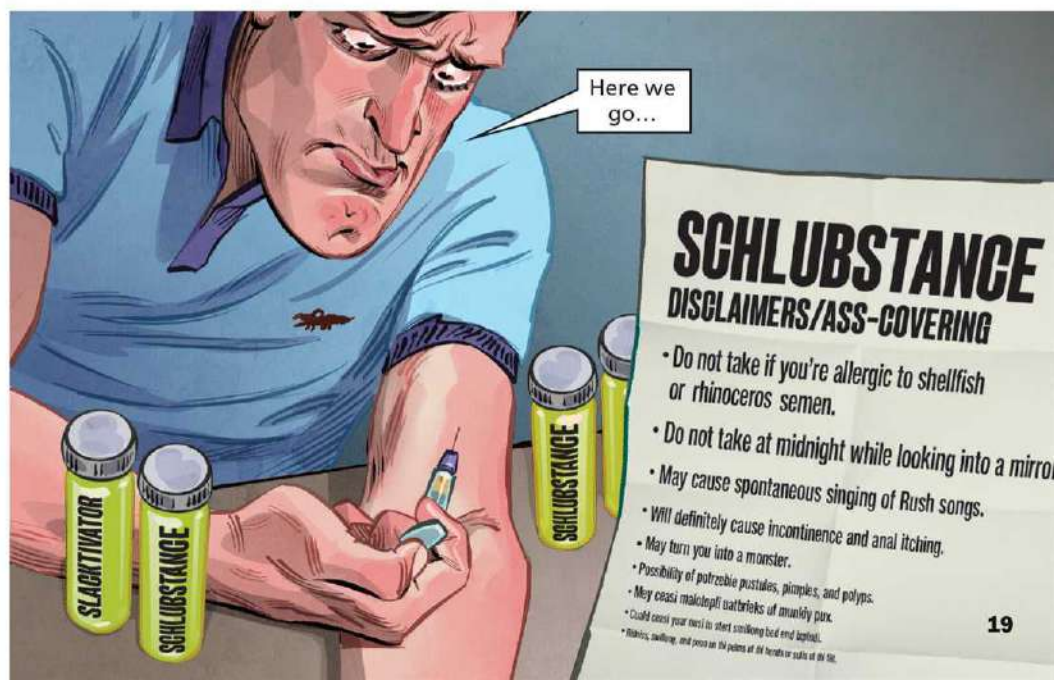
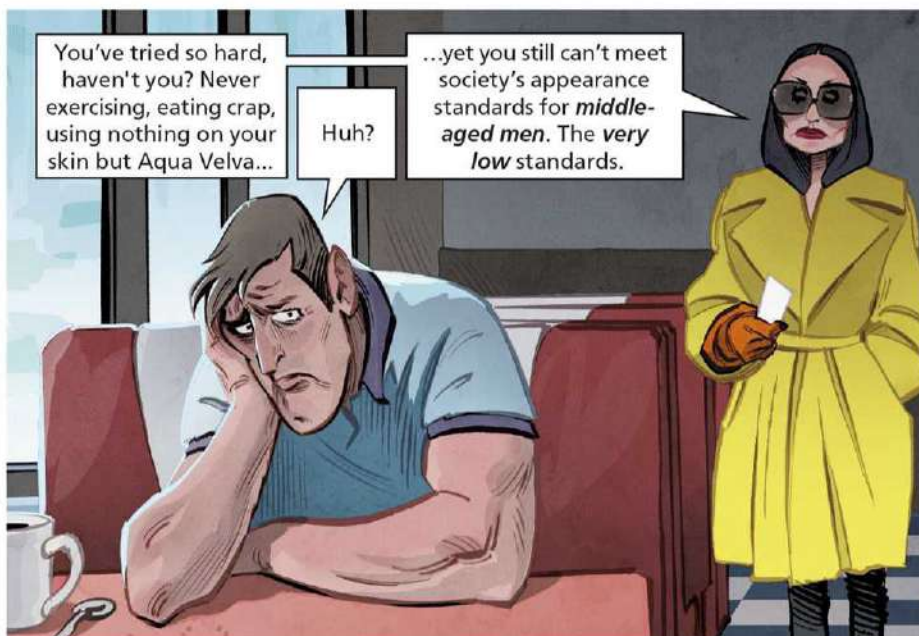
Yeah. He's causing us to question the natural order of things.



Hey, guys! I didn't know we were getting together for the game today. I'll be right over.

Sorry, Eli. It's just us.





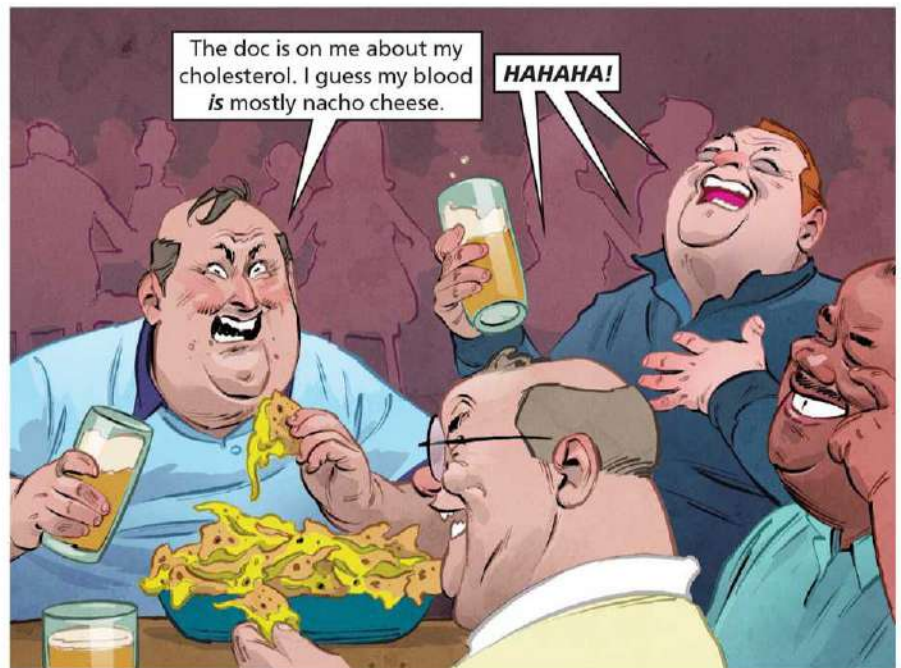


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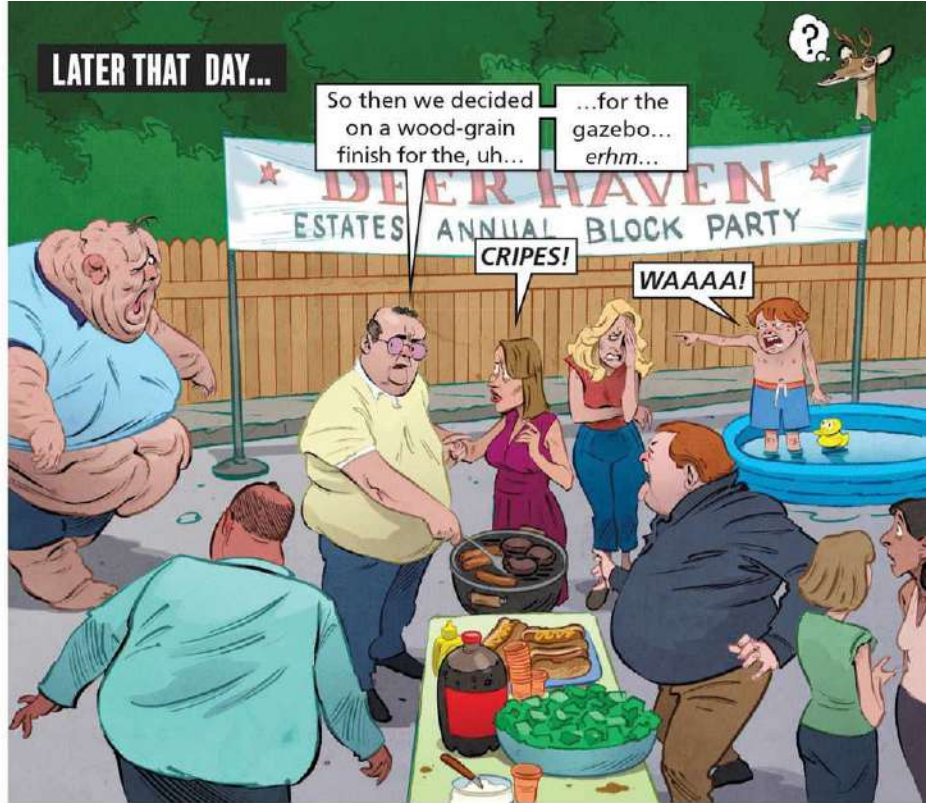
I think it's starting to work.

I feel more lethargic and unattractive...

...yet strangely entitled and confident!









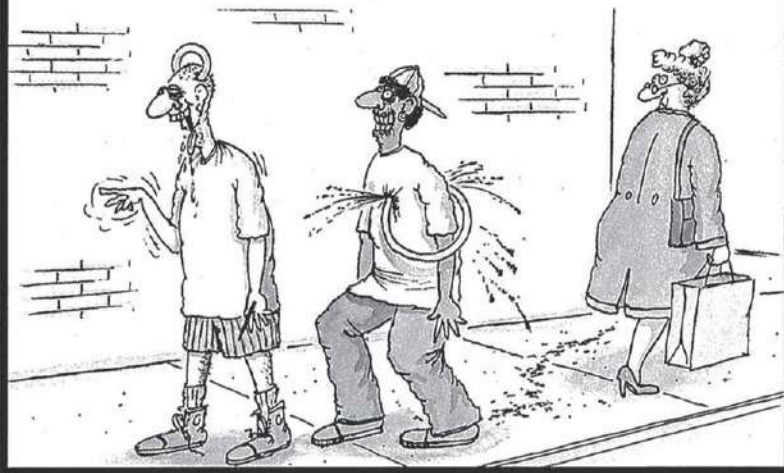


Body piercers are a diverse group. Some pierce only their ears from which they hang hoops and diamonds—a statement of taste and fashion. Others pierce their nose and eyebrows from which they hang crosses and safety pins—a statement of hipness and rebellion. Still others pierce their nipples and naughty parts from which they hang rings—a statement of sexual kinkiness. We at MAD salute them all! And it is because of our heartfelt concern for these flesh-poking perverts that we descend from our lofty comedic mountaintop to offer up...

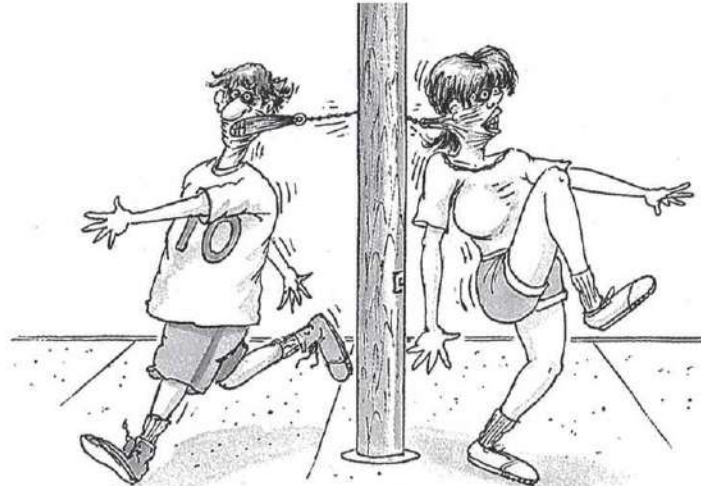
# THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF BODY PIERCING



- 1** Thou shalt not pierce areas of the body in a manner that jeopardizes the function of major organs.



- 2** Thou shalt exercise caution when connecting one's own piercings to another's.

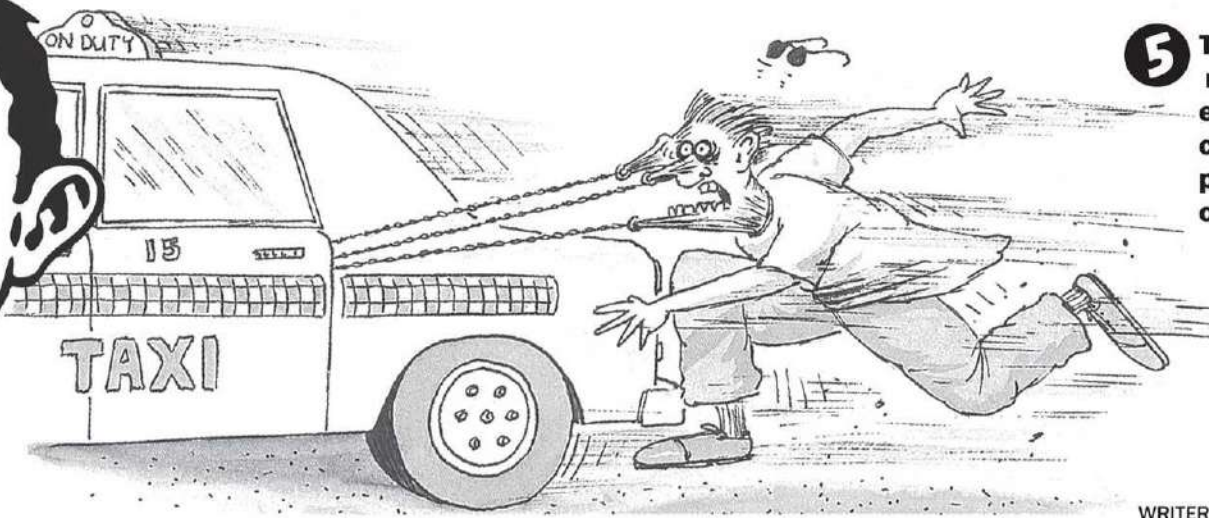


- 3** Thou shalt not pierce together parts of the body that are not naturally connected.



- 4** Thou shalt not expose thyself to extreme gravitational forces while wearing heavy pieces of jewelry.

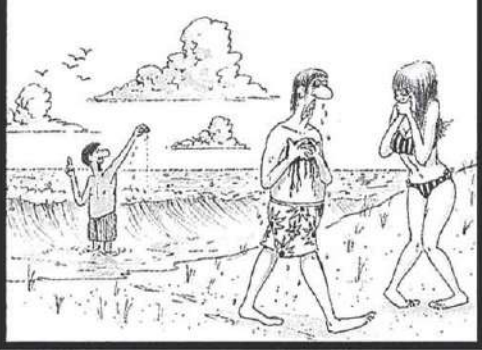




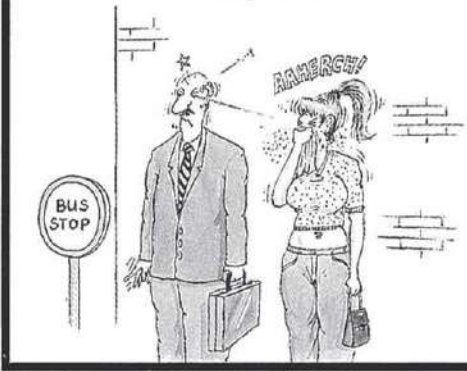
**5** Thou shalt not connect excessively long chains between pierced areas of the body.

WRITER & ARTIST TOM CHENEY

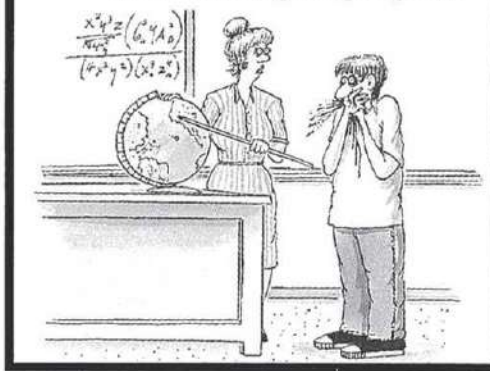
**6** Thou shalt not body surf while wearing nipple rings.



**7** Thou shalt not wear nose pins while suffering from hay fever.



**8** Thou shalt not attempt to say the word "Saskatchewan" while wearing tongue pins.



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**9** Thou shalt not French kiss anyone with braces while wearing lip rings.



**10** Thou shalt not pierce areas of the body that compromise the structural integrity of a condom.







DEAR READERS! THE FOLLOWING FIVE PAGES ARE SO DISGUSTING...SO NAUSEATING, THEY'LL MAKE YOU SICK FOR DAYS TO COME! .....NOW THAT WE'VE AROUSED YOUR INTEREST...HERE'S A FEATURE ABOUT SOMEONE YOU KNOW VERY WELL!...**VERY VERY** WELL! HERE IS A FEATURE ABOUT **YOU**...OUR...

# MAD READER!

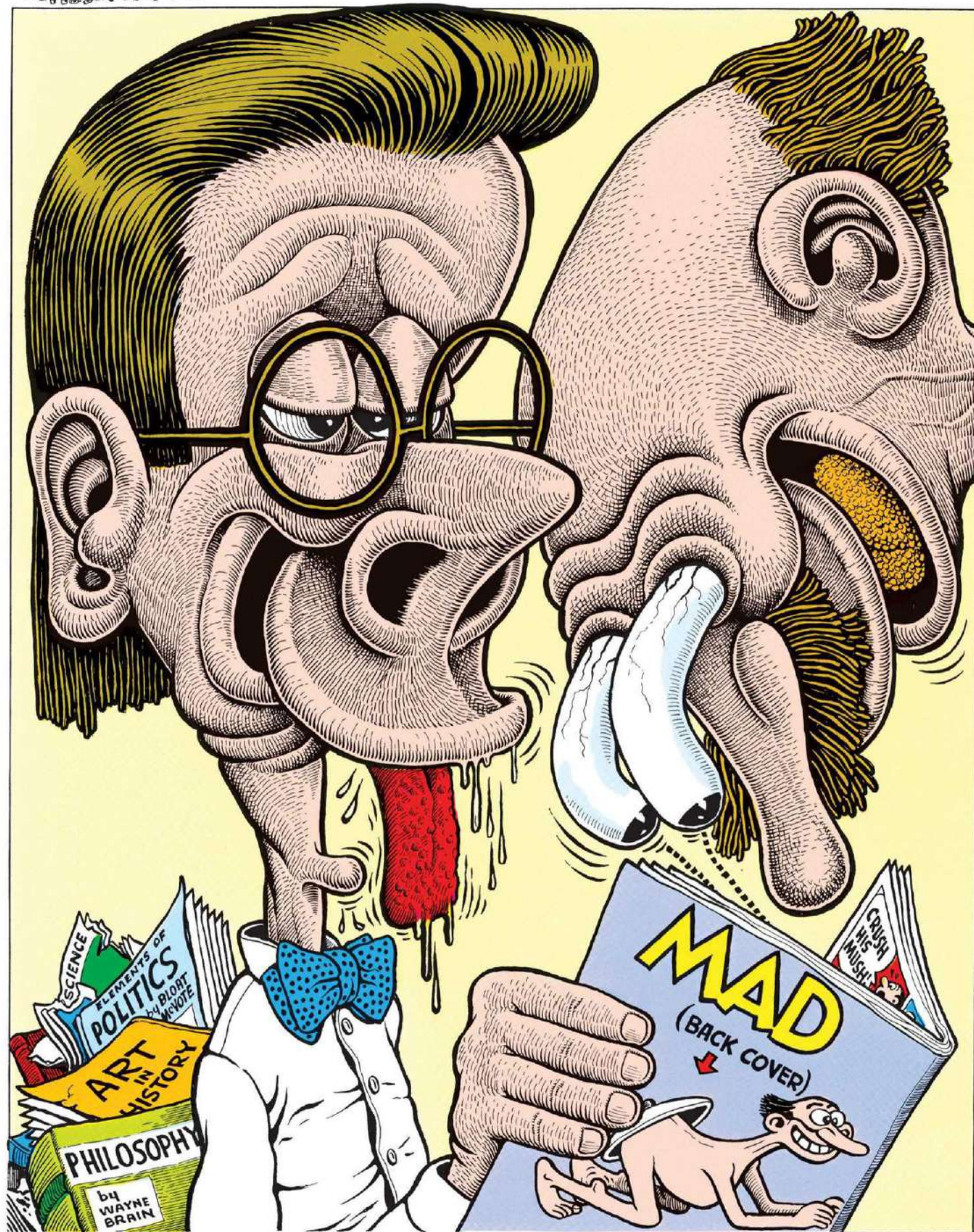
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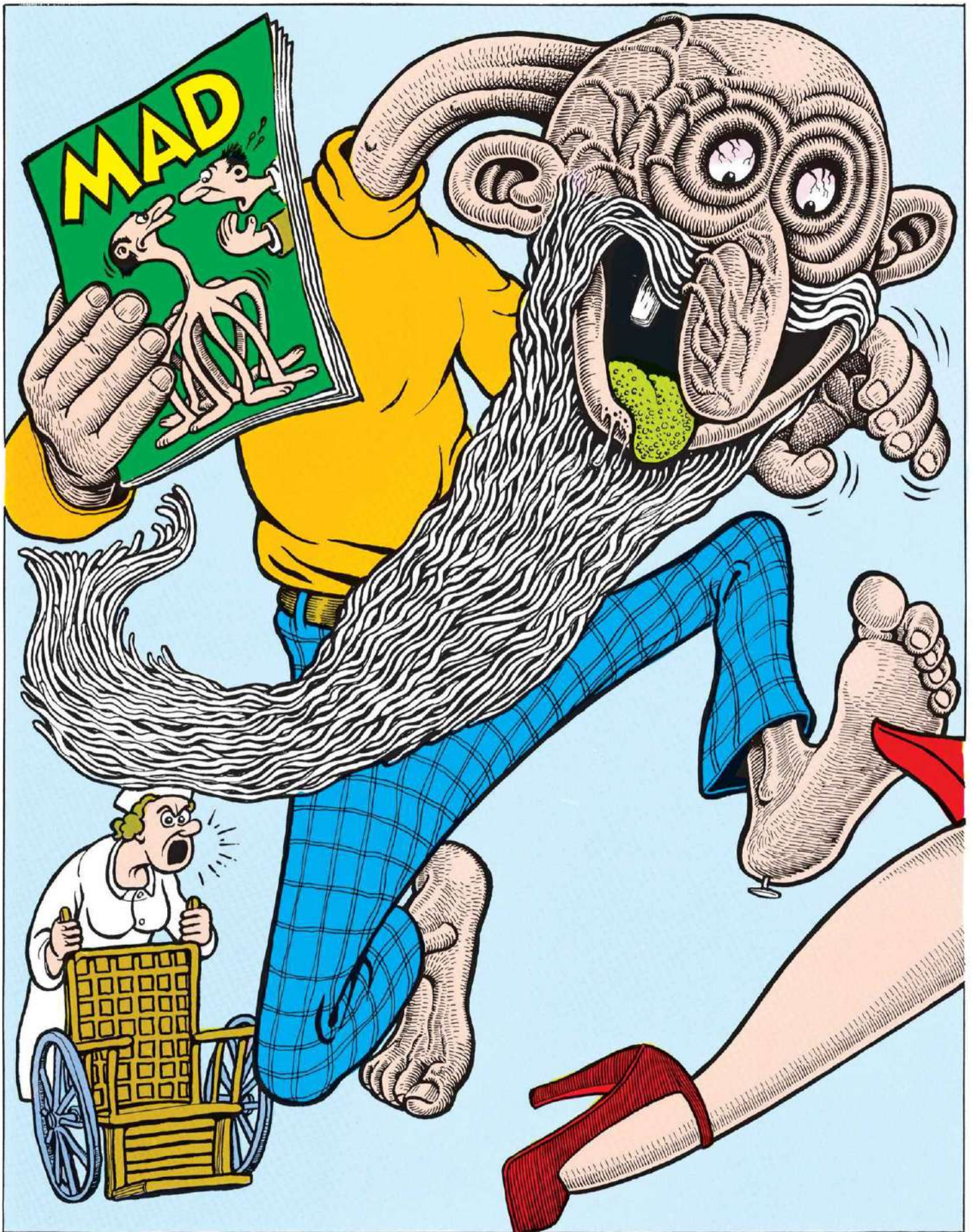
©N THIS AND THE FOLLOWING FOUR PAGES ARE VIEWS OF WHAT WE, THE EDITORS OF **MAD**, BELIEVE TO BE A CROSS-SECTION OF THE PEOPLE WHO READ **MAD**!... AND SO, WHILE YOU WANDER THROUGH THE FOLLOWING PAGES, SMIRKING, GUFFAWING AND RETCHING AT WHAT YOU SEE... PAUSE A MOMENT! THE FACE YOU'RE RETCHING AT MAY BE YOUR OWN!





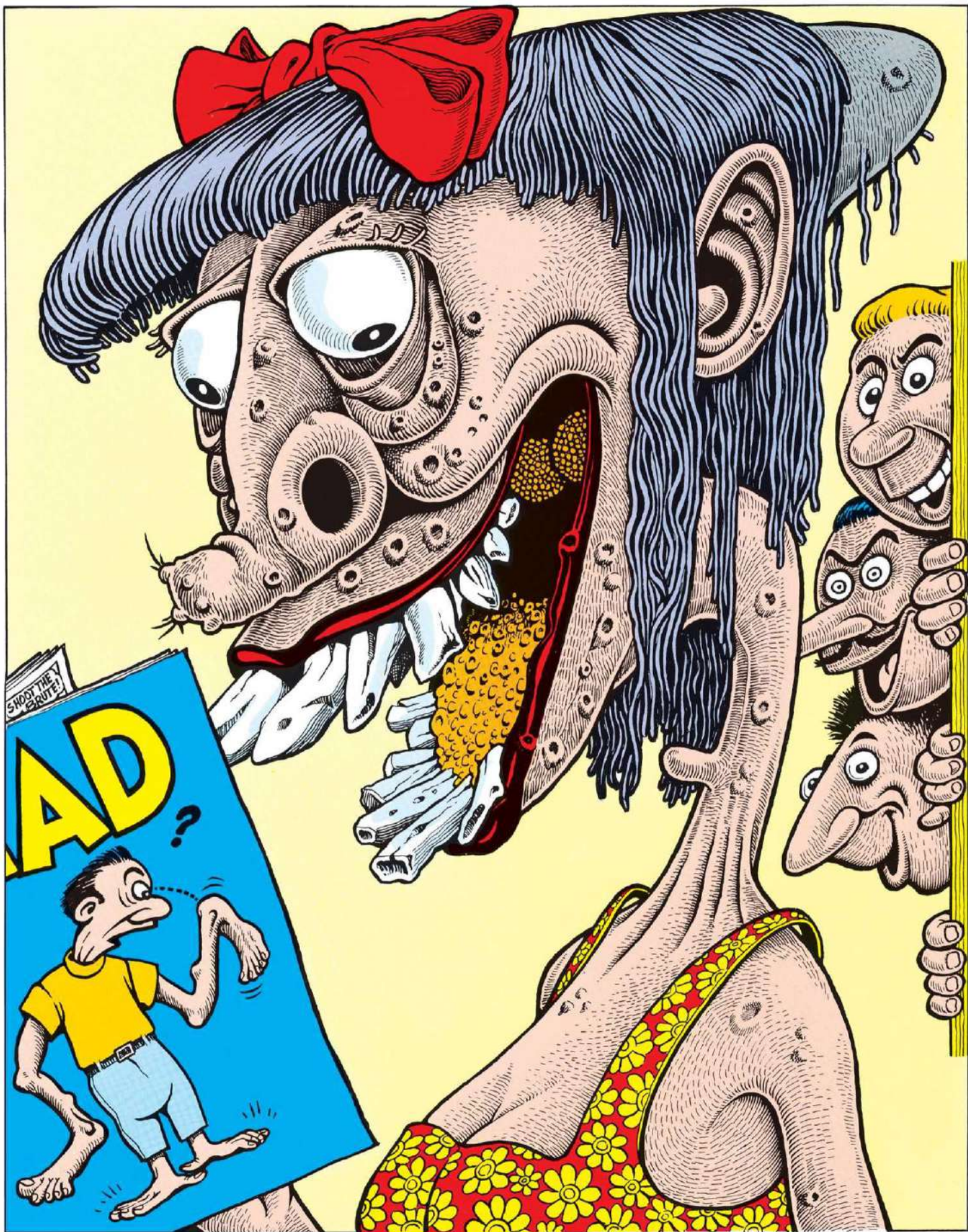
**THE STUDENT MAD READER (WITH TEACHER):** HERE IS THE INTELLECTUAL COLLEGE YOUTH! THIS FELLOW WAS A SERIOUS, SOBER, 'A' AVERAGE STUDENT... WELL VERSED IN THE CLASSICS WITH A SUCCESSFUL CAREER ASSURED ... BEFORE READING **MAD**! READING **MAD** HAS BROUGHT ABOUT A HAPPY CHANGE IN THIS STUDENT! TODAY THIS STUDENT IS AN EMPTY DROOLING IDIOT... BUT NEVERTHELESS, A **HAPPY** EMPTY DROOLING IDIOT!





**THE ELDERLY MAD READER:** MAD IS BY NO MEANS CONFINED TO THE YOUNGER SET! HERE IS AN ELDERLY MAN WHO, BEFORE READING *MAD*, WAS CONFINED TO A WHEEL CHAIR... CONFINED TO A STRICT DIET OF SHREDDED WHEAT... AND CONFINED TO CONDENSED WATER! THEN HE READ *MAD*!... NOW HE IS NO LONGER CONFINED TO A WHEEL CHAIR... NO LONGER CONFINED TO THE SHREDDED WHEAT... AND NO LONGER CONFINED TO THE CONDENSED WATER!... HE IS MERELY... CONFINED!





**THE FEMALE MAD READER:**...THIS YOUNG LADY HAD DISHPAN HANDS... PERSPIRATION ODORS FROM ALL '13'... A SEVERE CASE OF ACNE...AND BOY-FRIENDS NEVER CAME TO CALL ON HER!... THEN SHE BOUGHT **MAD**! NOW...SHE STILL HAS DISHPAN HANDS...PERSPIRATION ODORS FROM ALL '13'... A SEVERE CASE OF ACNE...BUT BOY-FRIENDS FLOCK TO CALL ON HER AND AS SOON AS THEY BLUDGEON HER INSENSIBLE AND PRY **MAD** LOOSE FROM HER VISE-LIKE GRIP...THEY FLOCK AWAY AGAIN!





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**THE CRITICAL MAD READER:**... FINALLY THERE ARE THOSE WHO READ AND DO **NOT** LIKE **MAD!** AND SO... IN ALL HONESTY, WITH A FIRM BELIEF THAT EVERY ARGUMENT HAS TWO SIDES... IT IS WITH A SENSE OF FAIR PLAY AND CLEAN LIVING THAT WE PRESENT WITHOUT BIAS, WITHOUT RESENTMENT OR MALICE...AN UNPREJUDICED DRAWING OF SAID TYPE READER WHO... AFTER MUGGING THE ABOVE INFANT, IS BRUTALLY DESTROYING THE CHILD'S TREASURED COPY OF **MAD!**





*Make Beautiful Hair*

# B L E C C H

THERE ARE THREE BLECCH SHAMPOOS FOR THREE DIFFERENT HAIR CONDITIONS

Are you a teenage boy with Beautiful Hair? Well no wonder the girls hardly notice you. Today, you've got to be a teenage boy with Bleccch hair. Then the girls will scream with delight, roll on the floor and kick their feet when they see you. So why waste another minute? Shampoo your hair with Bleccch tonight. Bleccch comes in three special formulas:



● For dry hair—a special formula that takes neat crew-cut type hair and lays it down over your ears. ● For oily hair—loosens up that slick-combing stuff so it spills down over your eyes. ● For normal hair—gives it proper body so it mushrooms all over your head. Get the shampoo that's right for you, and make your hair "Bleccch"! Yeah! Yeah! Yeah!





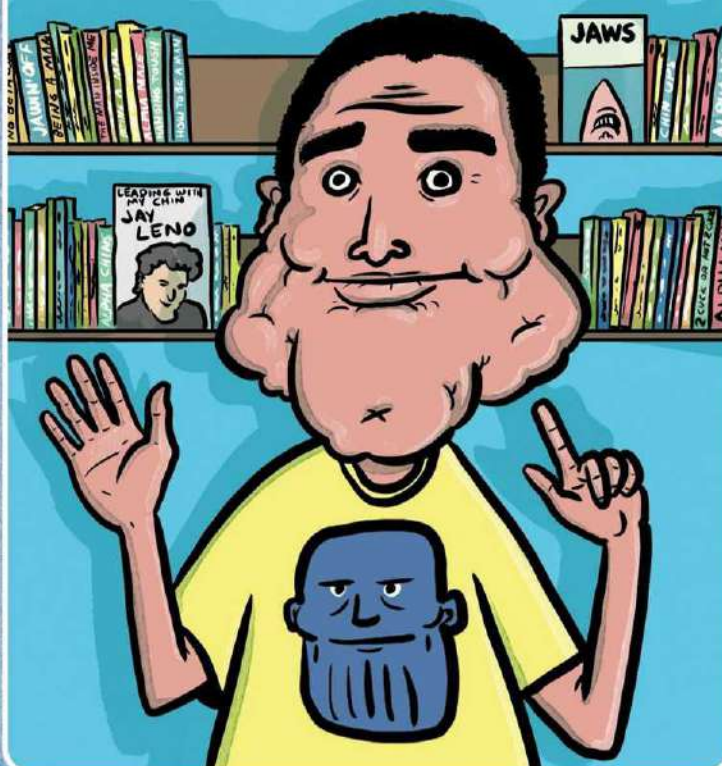
Image-obsessed Americans shell out big bucks following ludicrous tips from health and beauty “experts” on social media. While a few rare individuals give advice that is actually helpful, you’ll know...

# It's Time to **UNFOLLOW** an Influencer When...



WRITER & ARTIST IVAN EHLERS

**You can't tell if he's applying a filter or if he got his crowdfunded jaw-enhancement surgery**



**She attempts a DIY Brazilian butt lift using household objects**



**Her anti-vax stance leads to a new disease being named after her**





**He proudly shows off the benefits  
of his crusade to cancel fluoride**



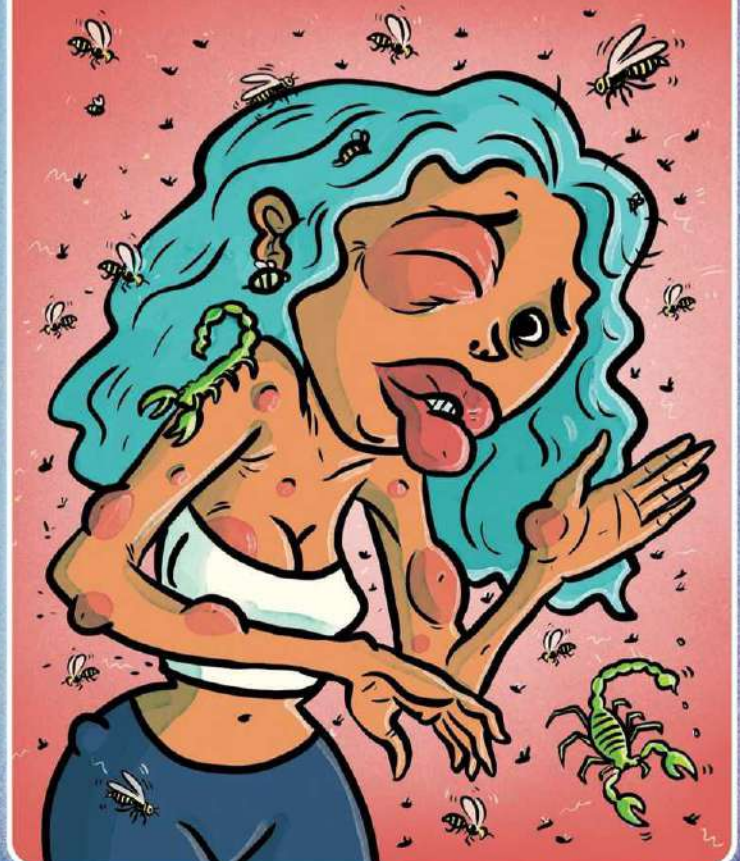
**You thought she looked great for a  
senior citizen, but it turns out she's 29**



**His miracle medicine's only effect  
is turning skin blue**



**Her all-natural lip plumpers attack**







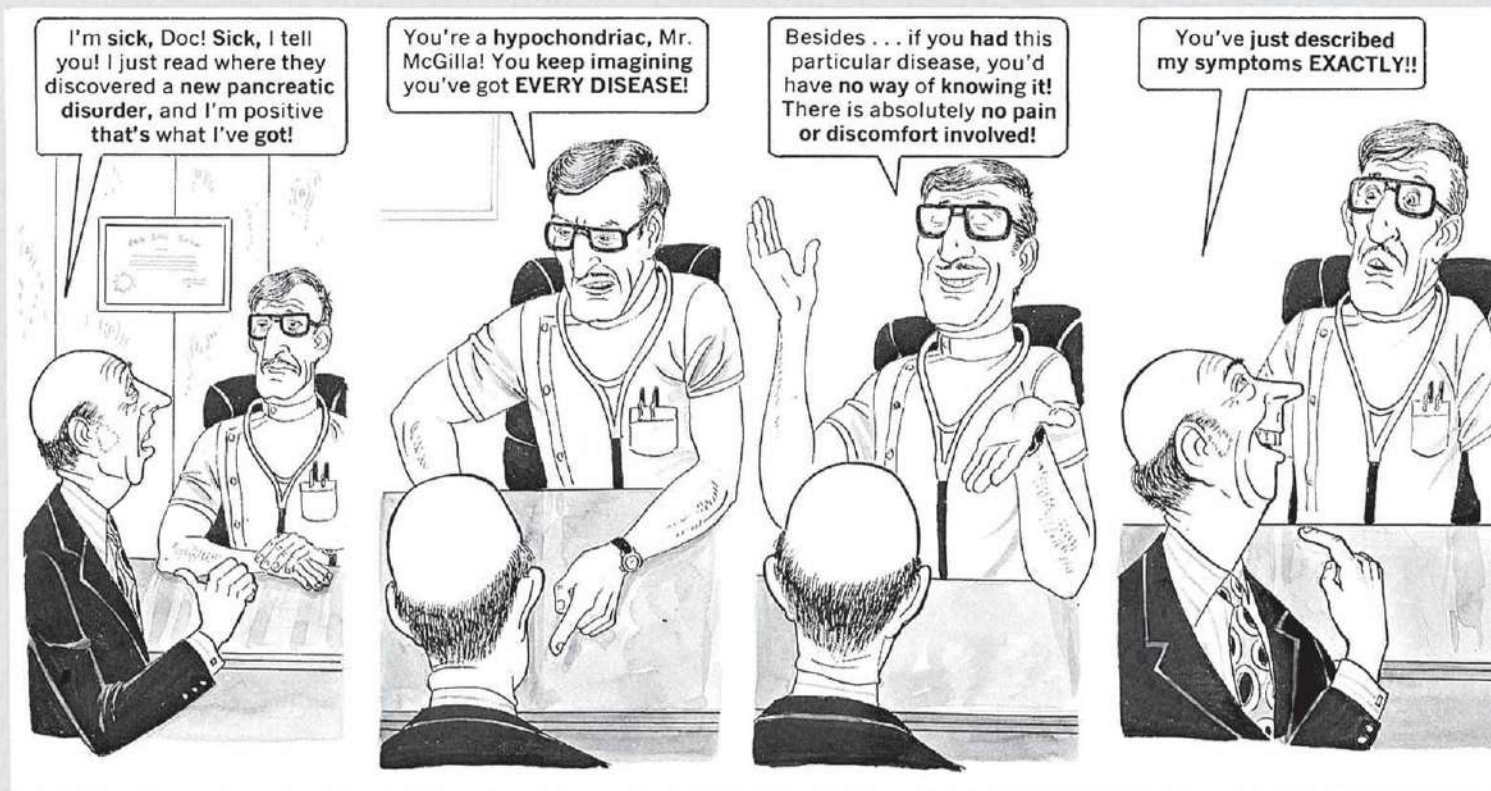
**BERG'S-EYE VIEW DEPT.**

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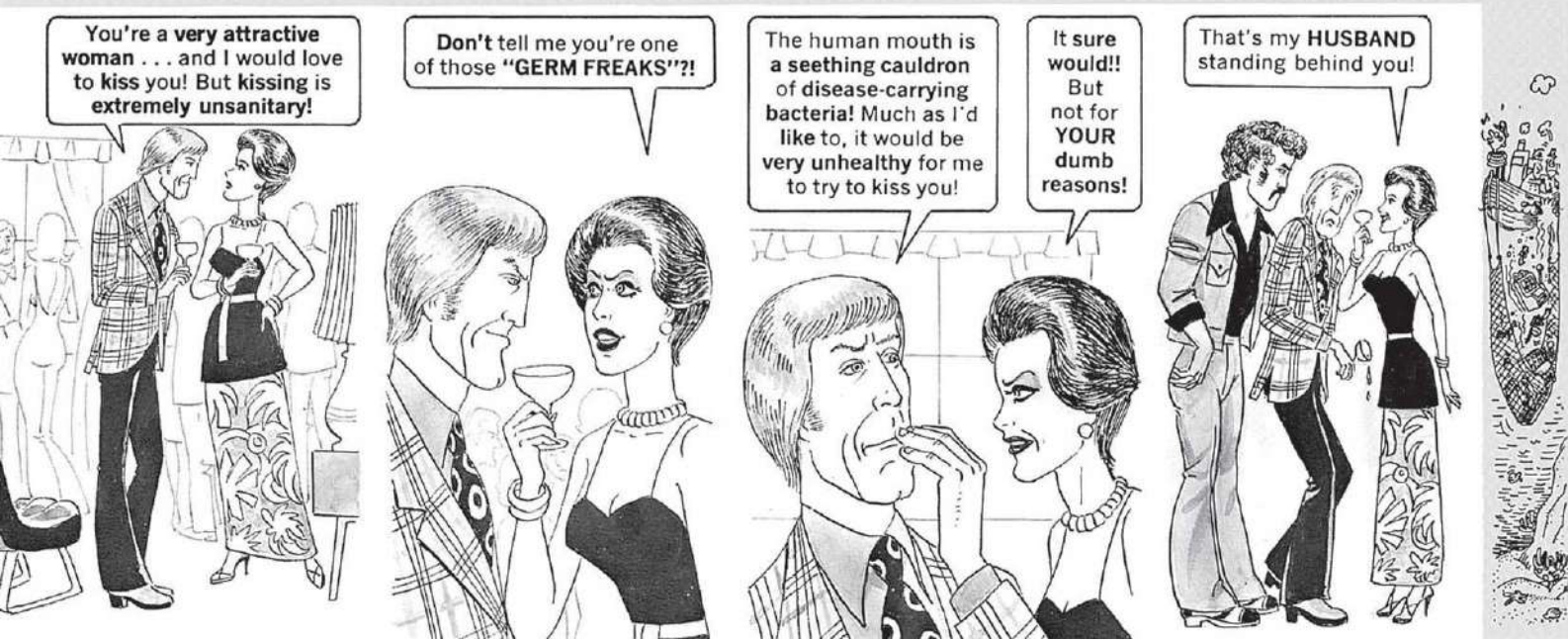
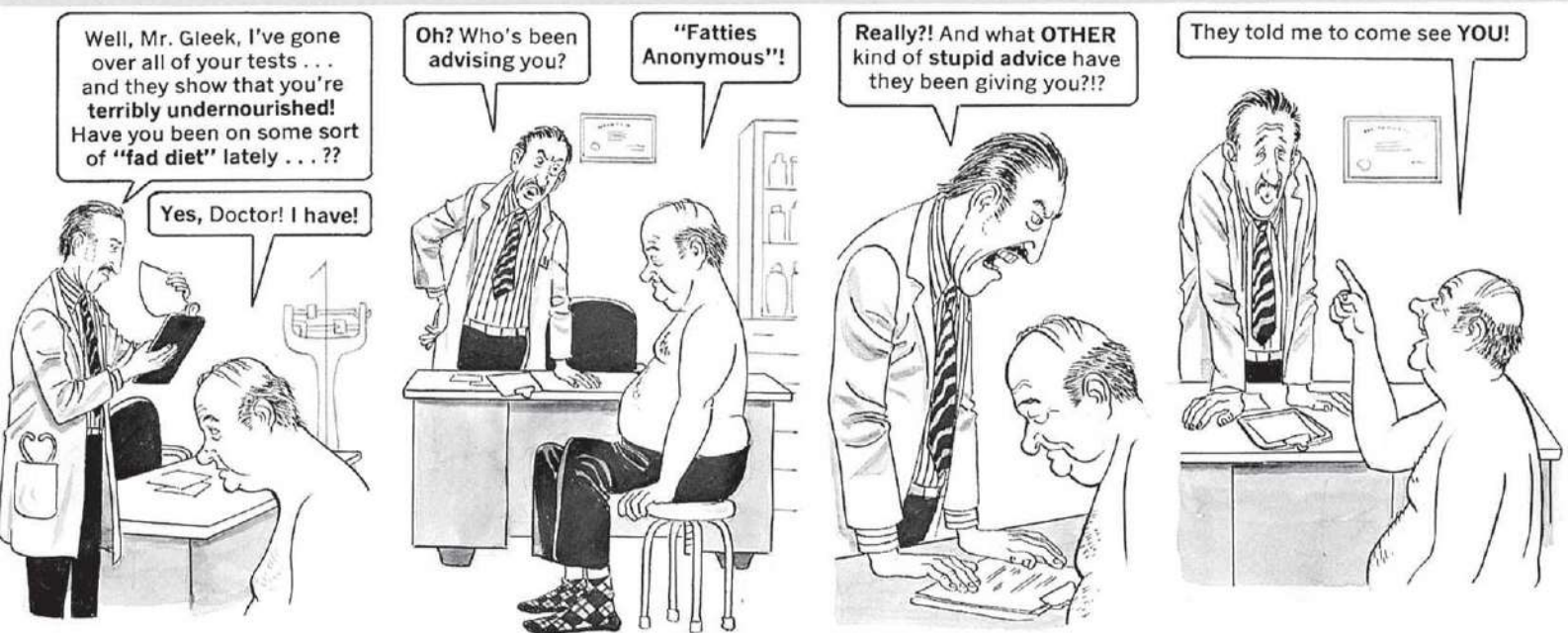
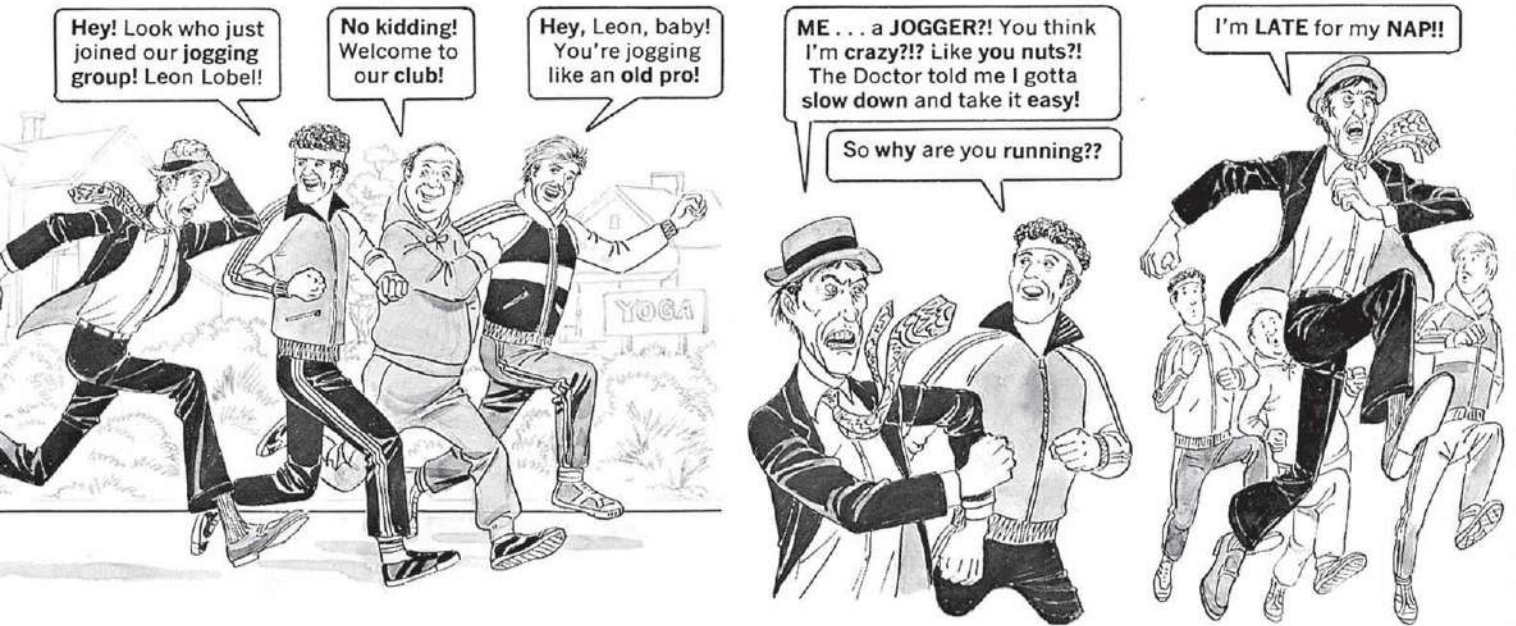


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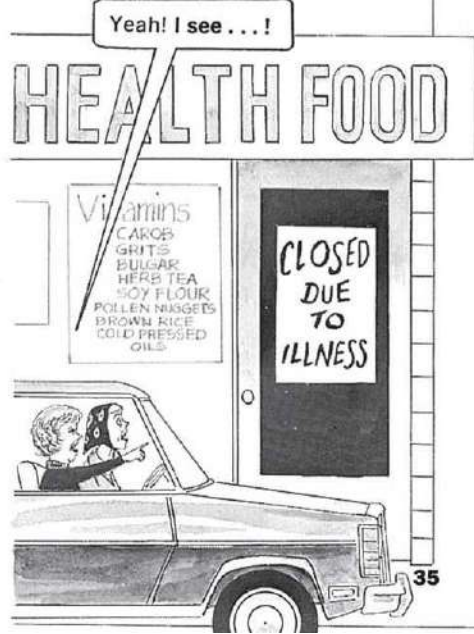
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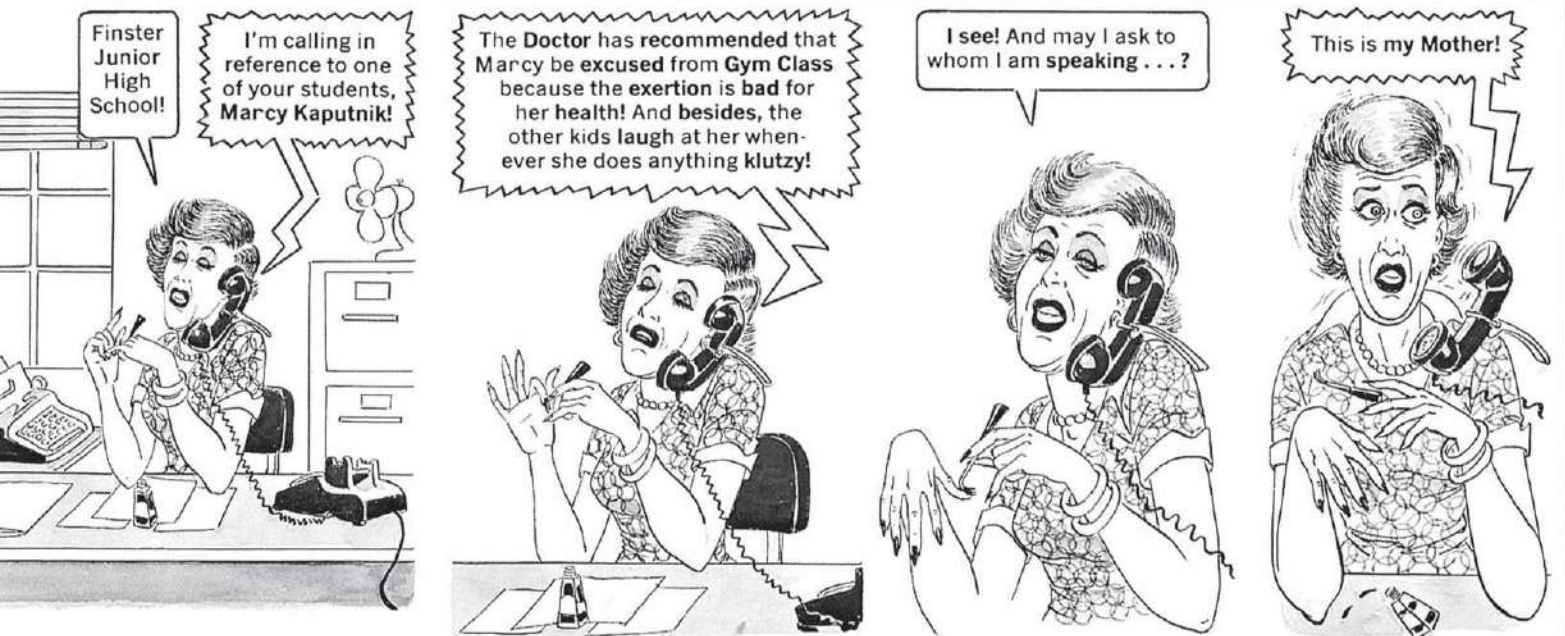




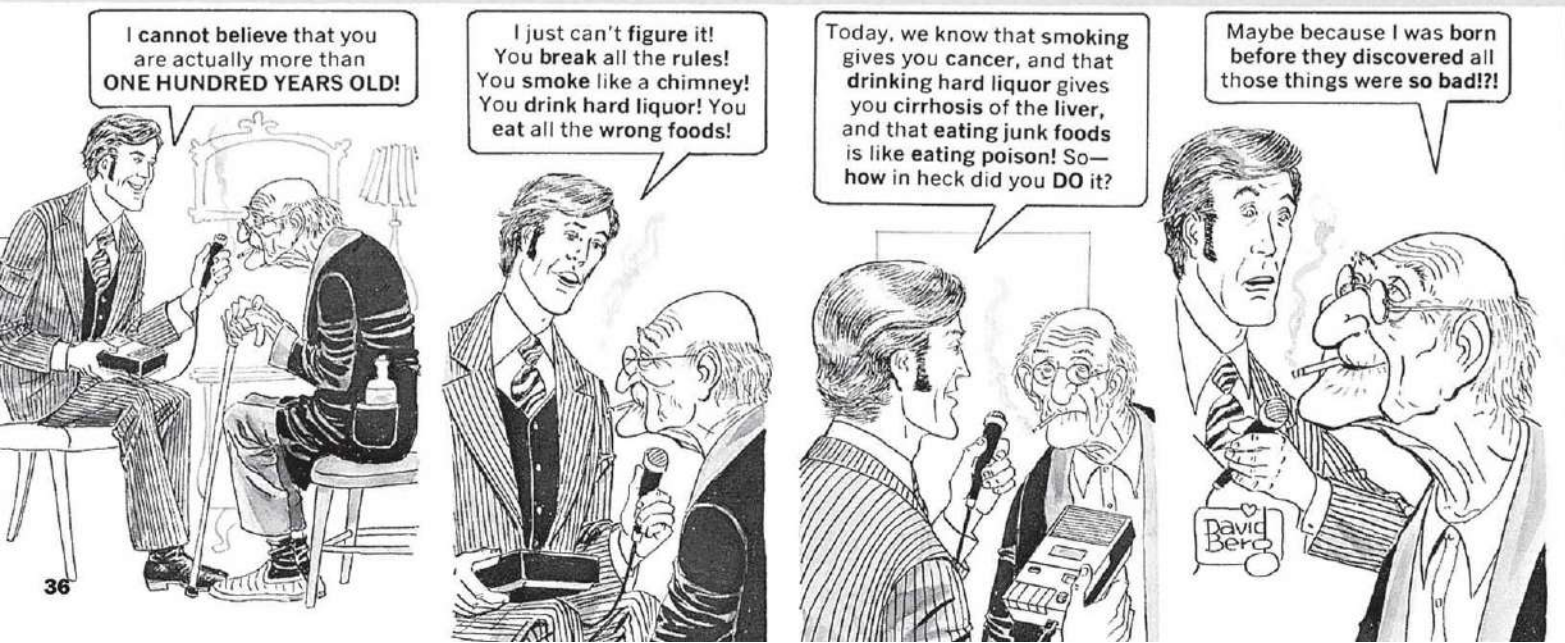








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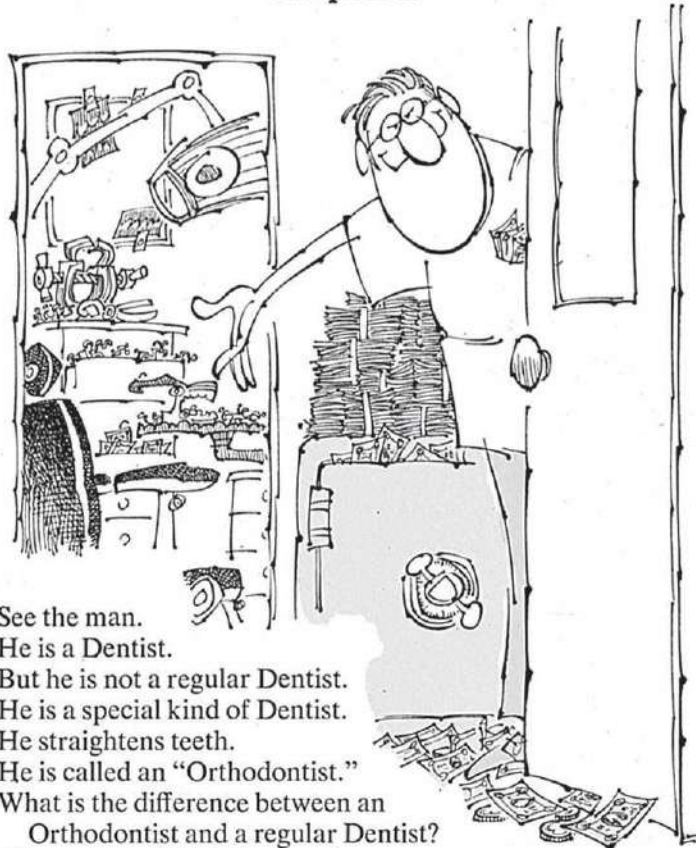
Nowadays, everything is crooked! Politics is crooked, Real Estate is crooked, Religion is crooked, the TV Repair business is crooked, the Auto Repair business is crooked, etc. Well, we've found one thing that's more crooked than all the rest, and nobody seems to say much about it! So, knowing full well that we may be taking our lives in our hands, the Editors of MAD fearlessly expose... *Crooked Teeth...* with

# THE MAD ORTHODONTIA PRIMER



WRITER LARRY SIEGEL ARTIST PAUL COKER JR.

## Chapter 1



See the man.  
He is a Dentist.  
But he is not a regular Dentist.  
He is a special kind of Dentist.  
He straightens teeth.  
He is called an "Orthodontist."  
What is the difference between an  
Orthodontist and a regular Dentist?  
Oh... about \$25,000 a year!

## Chapter 2

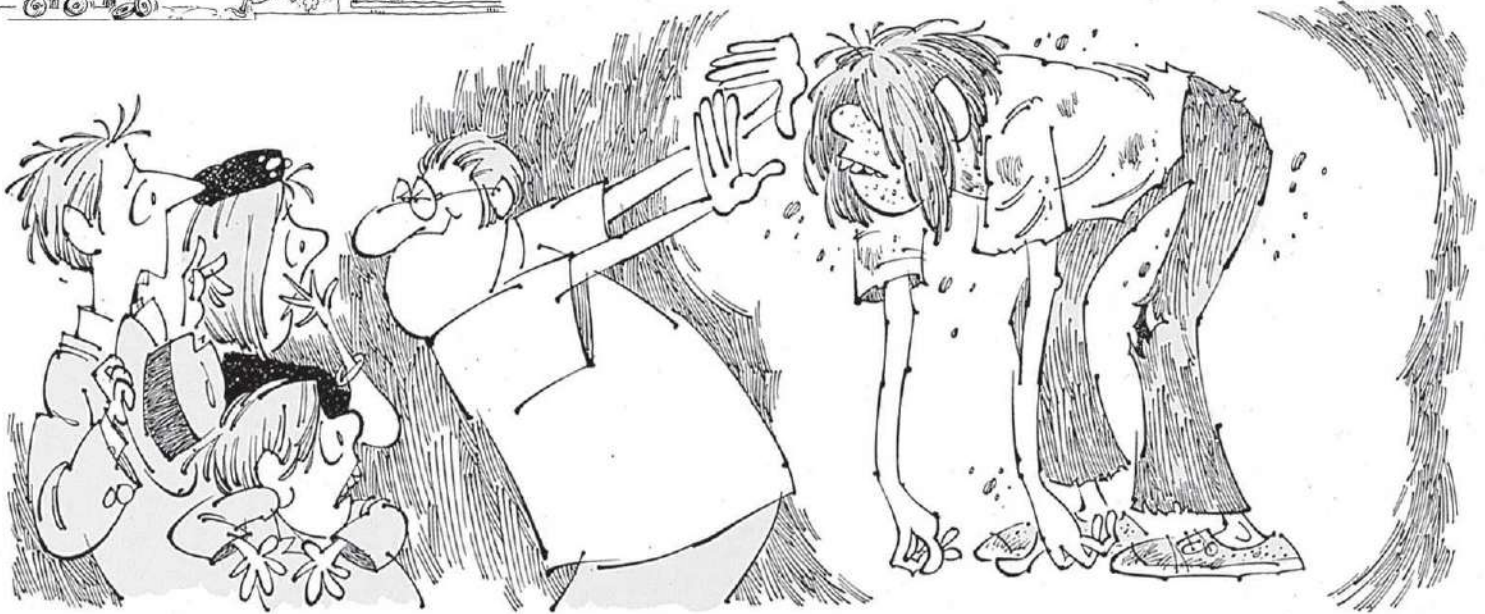


See the boy.  
See the funny way his teeth stick out of his mouth.  
His parents have brought him to the Orthodontist  
To see if anything can be done.  
The Orthodontist has a name for this condition.  
He tells the parents he has found a "malocclusion."  
The Orthodontist has another name for this condition.  
He tells himself he has found a "gold mine."





## Chapter 3



See the parents.  
They are very uncertain.  
They do not know if they want to spend a fortune  
to have the boy's teeth straightened.  
But the Orthodontist is very helpful.  
"Can you picture your son as a teenager?" he asks.  
The parents picture their son as a teenager.

They see him in faded torn jeans and a dirty undershirt.  
They see him with long, wild hair hanging over his face.  
They see his face covered with pimples.  
"Yes, we can picture our son as a teenager," they say.  
"Now . . . why should we have his teeth straightened?"  
"Because if you don't," says the Orthodontist,  
"He will grow up to be ugly!"



## Chapter 4



See the boy's mouth.  
He is wearing a brace.  
What does a brace do?  
It straightens teeth.  
It also traps food.  
The boy will wear the brace for two years.  
Tonight, he will eat a sandwich.  
The boy will also wear peanut butter for two years.

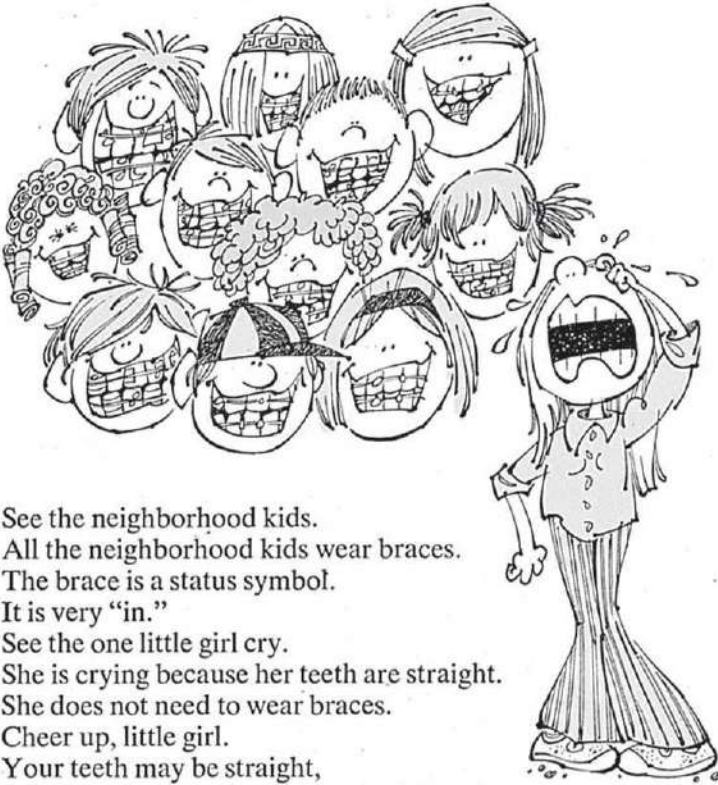
## Chapter 5



See the boy.  
What is he wearing now?  
It is called a "night brace."  
It fits over two wire hooks  
Over two wire coils  
Over his regular wire brace.  
The boy's parents are going out for the evening.  
They are leaving him two emergency telephone numbers.  
The family doctor . . .  
And the family electrician.



## Chapter 6



See the neighborhood kids.  
All the neighborhood kids wear braces.  
The brace is a status symbol.  
It is very "in."  
See the one little girl cry.  
She is crying because her teeth are straight.  
She does not need to wear braces.  
Cheer up, little girl.  
Your teeth may be straight,  
But your eyes are crooked!  
Perhaps you will soon wear mod, wire-framed Granny glasses.  
The Good Lord willing.

## Chapter 7



The two years are up.  
See the boy's teeth now.  
They are all straight.  
See the boy and his family walking to the Orthodontist  
For the last time.  
The Orthodontist will take off the boy's brace.  
Why is the family walking to the Orthodontist?  
Why don't they ride in the father's nice Buick?  
Because the father doesn't have his nice Buick anymore.  
He had to sell it to pay for the boy's braces.

## Chapter 8



See the Orthodontist.  
He is removing the boy's brace.  
The boy will never have to wear a brace again.  
Ever.  
The boy is happy.  
The boy's family is happy.  
Poor, but happy.  
However . . .  
To make sure his teeth remain straight,  
The Orthodontist announces  
That the boy will have to wear a retainer.

## Chapter 9



See the retainer.  
The retainer is another kind of brace.  
The boy will have to wear it for six years  
To insure the permanent effect of the first brace.  
Isn't that nice?  
Of course, there will be a slight charge for the retainer . . .  
Plus for each visit over the next six years.  
Isn't *that* nice?  
In one minute, the Orthodontist will have crooked teeth.  
He will call it a "malocclusion."  
The boy's father will call it "a punch in the mouth."



# A MAD PEEK BEHIND THE SCENES AT A HEALTH SPA

**WRITER DICK DEBARTOLO**

ARTIST **AL JAFFEE**

**COLORIST NATHAN KANE**

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**It never fails!** This place has **600 lockers**, but the attendant makes sure the only **four** people in the whole gym are crowded in together!

We don't **rush** people into signing a contract...but our **once-in-a-lifetime** special discount sale does **end** in **fifteen minutes!**

After you **pay** for your first year membership at the health club, we give you **three days** to think it over.

And if I want, can I come back and get a refund?

**Not exactly.** We give you **full credit** which can be used at our health food bar. Of course, you can't use our health food bar unless you're a **paid up member** of our health club!

Once you join, we give  
**each** of you your own  
**individual work-out plan!**

For **your** type of frame, you need lots of **sit-ups, leg bends, yoga classes** and **work-outs on the jogging machine.**

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I come here **strictly**  
to **exercise**, not to  
try and **meet** people.

Why don't you come over to my place and we'll talk about it in depth!

**Me too! Exercise is so important!**

Now remember! We **always** set the scale in the gym area to read **four pounds heavier** than the scale in the shower area. That way people **think** they really took off some weight exercising.





UP  
DOWN

I wish you'd put all the exercise equipment on one floor! Having to walk up a flight of stairs to do my leg exercises is a real drag!

Boy, it's HOT in here!

I know! With what we pay in dues, you think they'd air condition this sauna!

MEN'S SHOWER AND JAM STEAM ROOM

You've been standing here for an hour. Aren't you going to work out?

I just spent \$90 for this designer gym wear. If you think I'm going to sweat in it, you're nuts!

I borrowed a little of your natural tan bronzer and after shave moisturizer.

That's OK. I borrowed your hair shampoo and conditioner and a dab of your styling gel.

And they say girls take a long time getting ready!

INFORMATION

How come you charge \$4.50 for a glass of apple juice??

Cause we don't put anything in it! It's right out of the can!

How's things at your office?

Good, and thanks so much for asking. Now I can write off my health club dues as a business deduction. After all, we DID discuss business!

HELP!

Al Jaffee

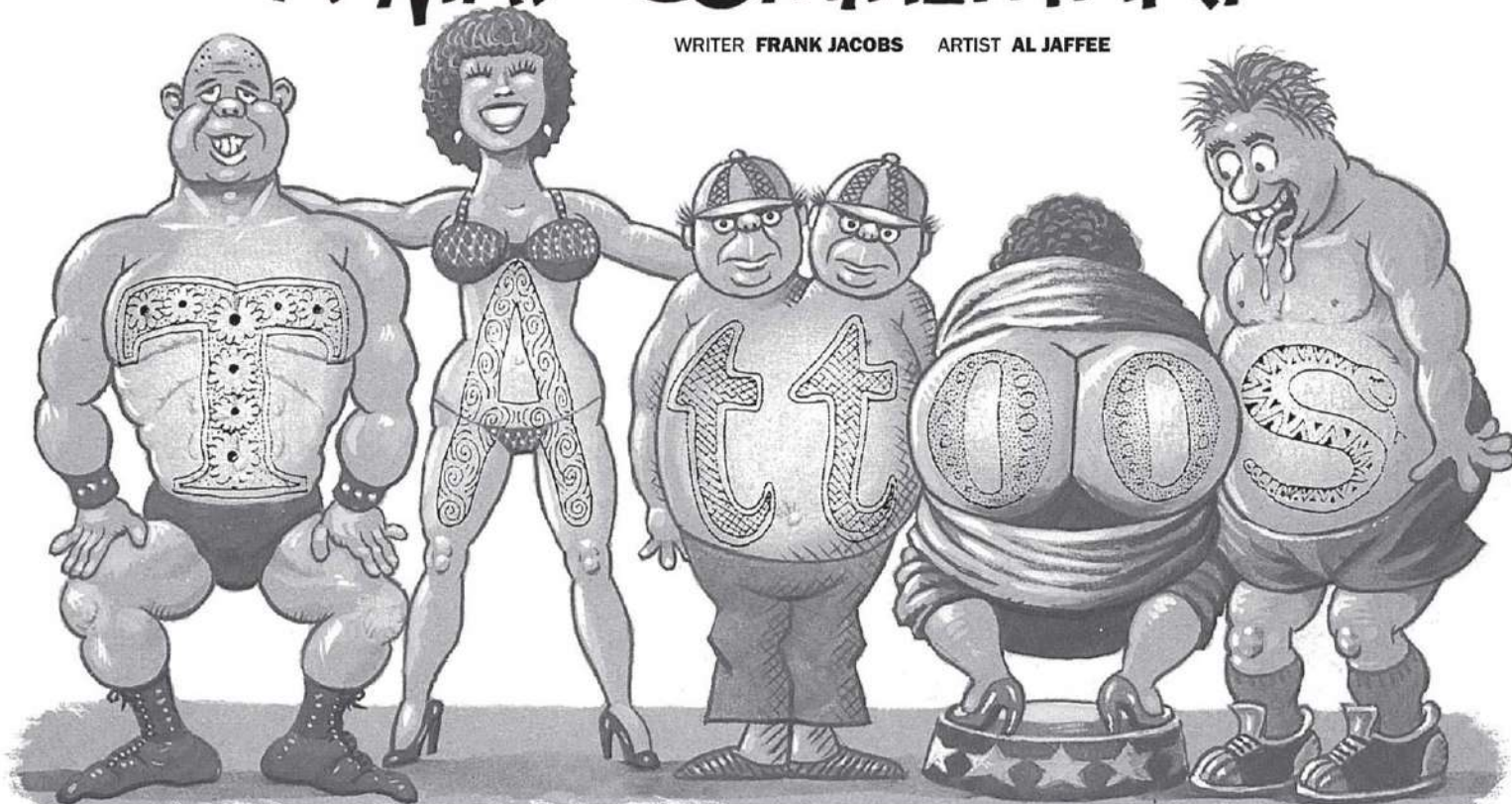




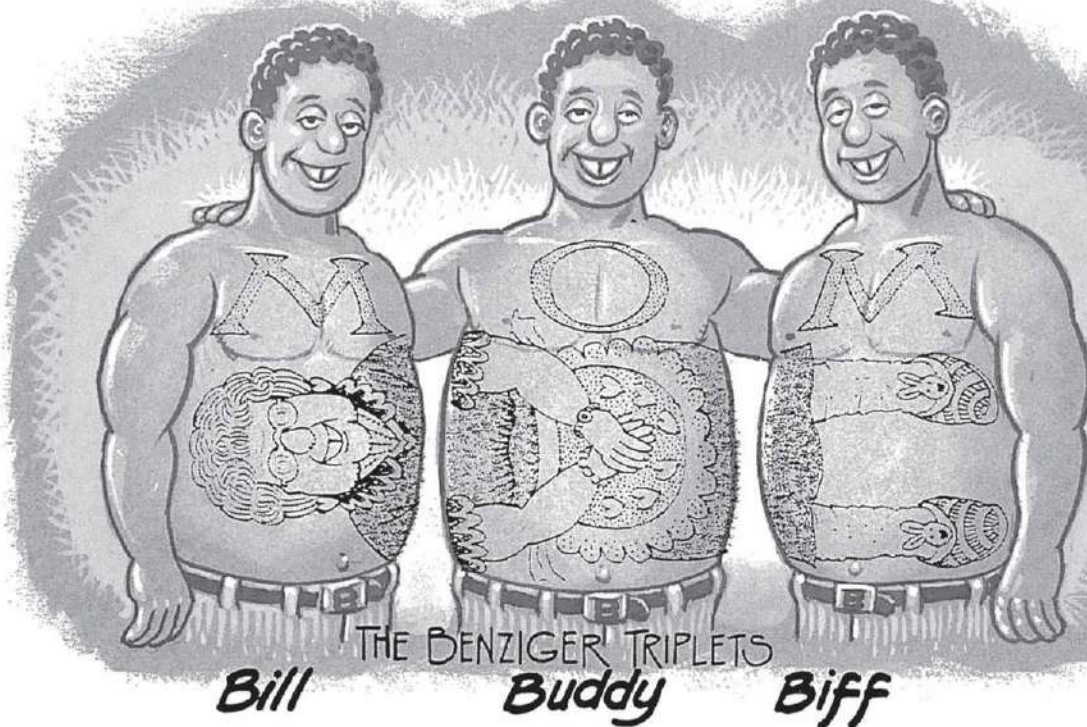
LEGEND HAS IT THAT THE FIRST TATTOO, THAT OF A WINGED CAMEL ON THE BUTTOCK OF A PARAGUAYAN WITCH DOCTOR, WAS DESIGNED TO KEEP EVIL MONGEESSE AT BAY. WHILE THE SOCIAL EVOLUTION OF THE TATTOO REMAINS UNCLEAR, MOST HISTORIANS ARE IN AGREEMENT THAT NO ONE CARES ABOUT IT ANYWAY! STILL, THE FACT IS THERE'S A FAT GUY NAMED HECKY IN DAYTONA BEACH WHO MAKES A PRETTY GOOD LIVING ENGRAVING MERMAIDS AND DEVILS ON THE BELLIES OF OVERWEIGHT BIKERS! BUT FOR A REALLY IDIOTIC OVERVIEW OF THESE SKIN DECORATIONS, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO PERUSE THE FOLLOWING:

# A MAD COMMENTARY:

WRITER FRANK JACOBS ARTIST AL JAFFEE



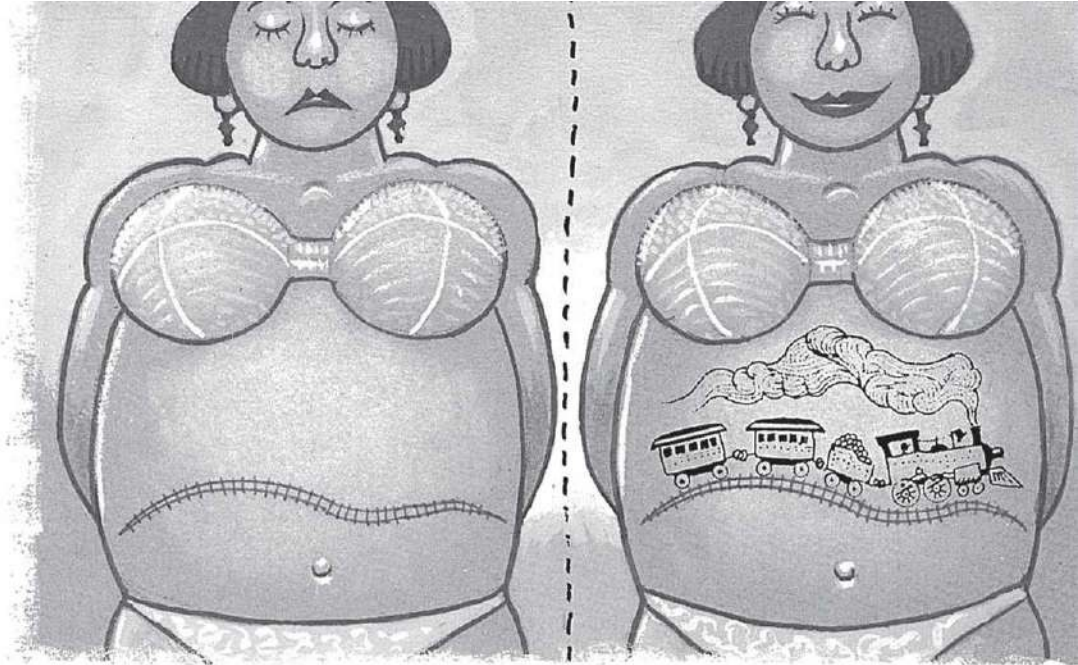
IN THE BEGINNING, TATTOOS WERE PRIMARILY USED AS A WAY OF SHOWING CAMARADERIE OR AFFECTION.



THE BENZIGER TRIPLETS  
*Bill* *Buddy* *Biff*



BUT THESE DAYS,  
TATTOOS ALSO  
SERVE MANY  
OTHER PURPOSES.  
FOR EXAMPLE, A  
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CAMOUFLAGE AN  
UNSIGHTLY  
SURGICAL SCAR.



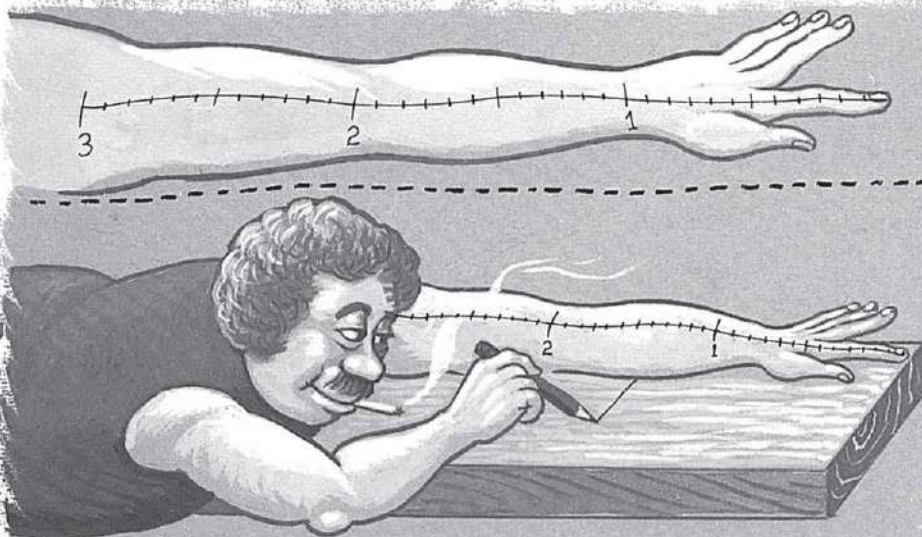
A TATTOO CAN ALSO BE A NIFTY WAY  
TO HIDE A POT BELLY ON THE BEACH.



SOMETIMES IT'S  
NECESSARY TO ALTER A  
TATTOO.  
FOR EXAMPLE TAKE THIS  
EX-NAZI WHO'S TRYING  
TO COVER UP HIS ODIOUS  
PAST.



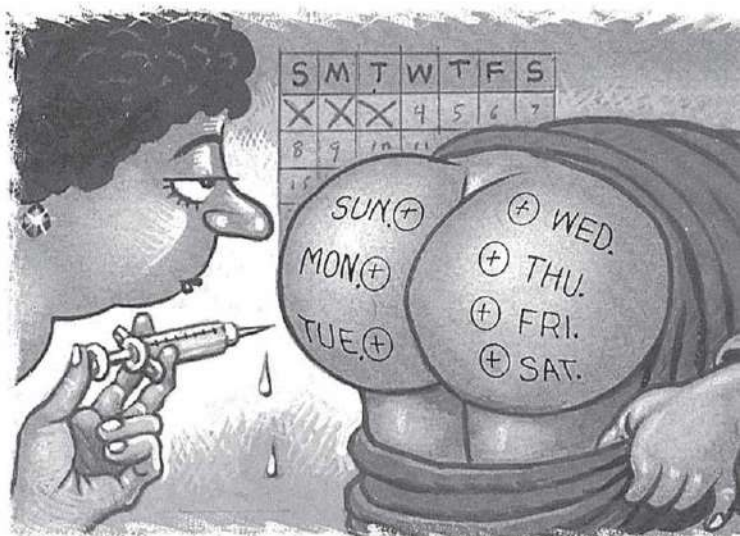
TATTOOS CAN ALSO BE FUNCTIONAL. THIS LUCKY HOME HANDYMAN WILL NEVER AGAIN HAVE TO SEARCH FOR A RULER.



LIKELIKE FOR THIS HARDWORKING TAILOR

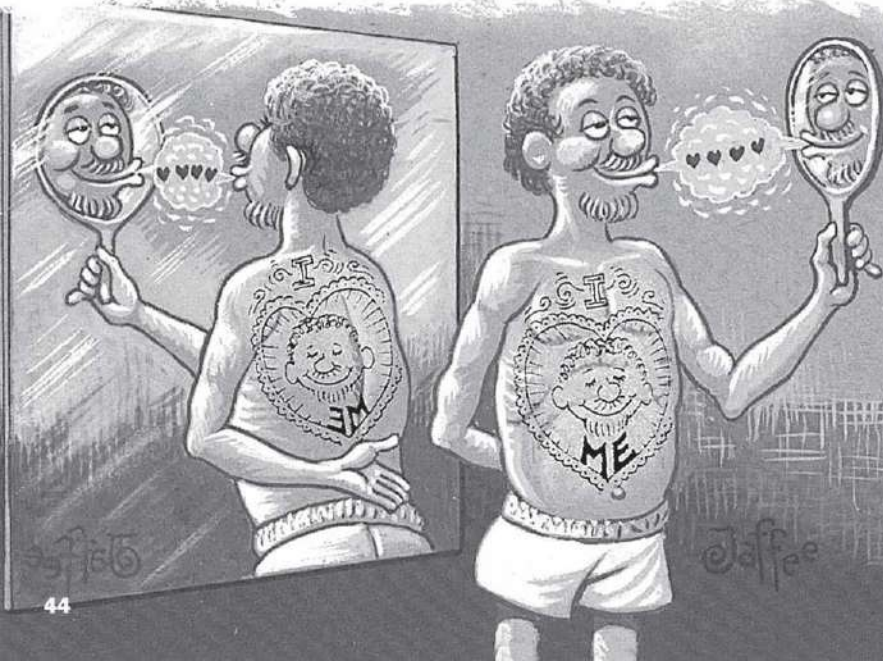


AND FOR THE FORGETFUL TYPIST, A SET OF TATTOOS MIGHT BE JUST THE THING.



LIKELIKE, FOR AN ALLERGY SUFFERER WHO OFTEN FEELS LIKE A HUMAN PIN-CUSHION, A TATTOO CAN HELP DOCTORS AVOID INJECTING THE PATIENT OVER AND OVER AGAIN IN THE SAME SPOT.

UNFORTUNATELY, MOST PEOPLE WHO GET A TATTOO ARE NOTHING MORE THAN SILLY NARCISSISTIC EGOTISTICAL EXHIBITIONISTS.







The article originally scheduled for this spot will not be seen in order that we may bring you the following "TV SPECIAL" satire article—mainly, MAD's version of...

# THE MISS AMERICAN BEAUTY PAGEANT

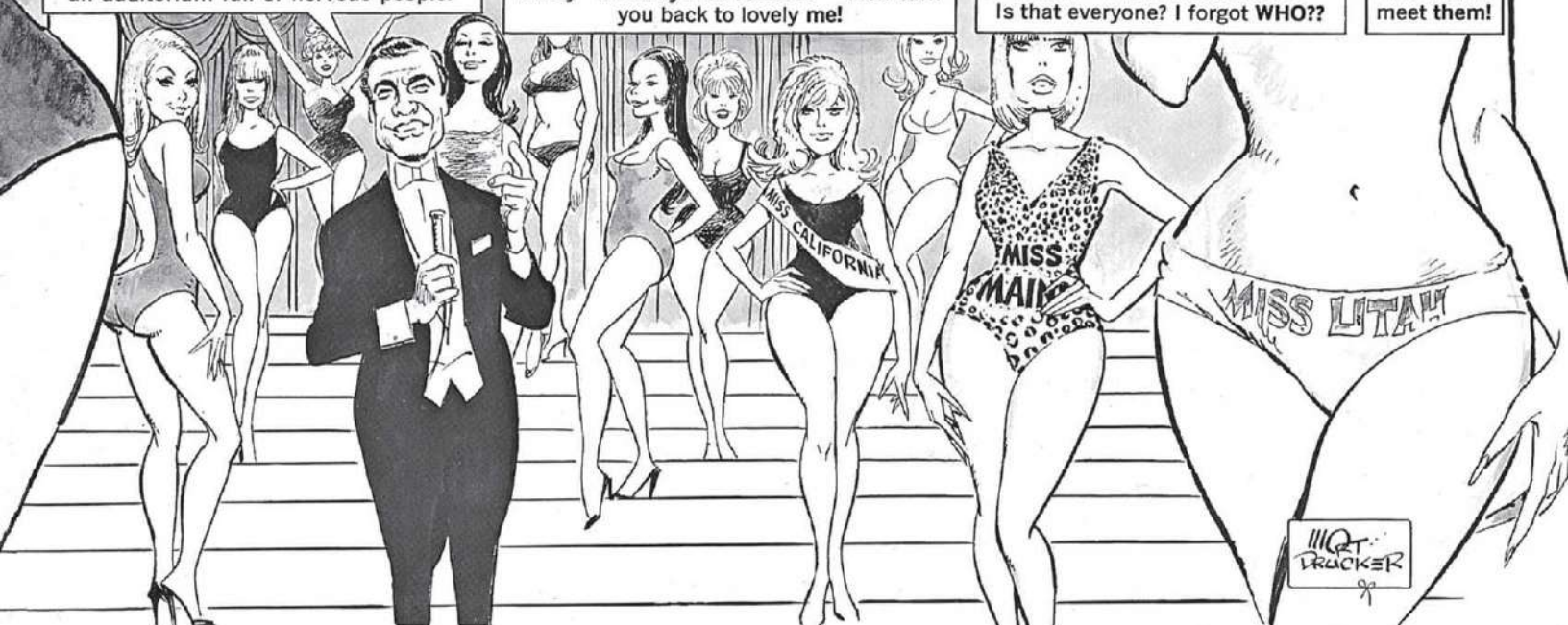
And here is your host for the "Miss American Pageant"... lovely Bert Teeth...

Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen! Yes—tonight is the night... the culmination of weeks and months of frantic searching and auditioning and eliminating... to find "Miss American of 1966"! Ah—there's something stirring in the air tonight! But, then, there always is when you have an auditorium full of nervous people!

I'm Bert Teeth, your "Miss American Pageant-Master"! It will be my job to introduce you to your Network Hostess for this evening, lovely ex-"Miss American," Bess Myerling—who will introduce you to your Announcer, lovely Cameron Sneezy—who will introduce you to our sponsor, lovely "Clairvoyant Products"—then turn you back to lovely me!

And then, I'll introduce you to the lovely "Award Handlers" and the lovely "Award Moderators" and the lovely "Award Presenters" and the lovely "Members Of The Orchestra" and the lovely "Stage Hands" and the lovely "Cleaning Ladies" and... let's see... Is that everyone? I forgot WHO??

Oh, yes! The lovely Girls who will be competing for "Miss American"! You'll also meet them!



WRITER **DICK DEBARTOLO** ARTIST **MORT DRUCKER**

But first, let me introduce you to our lovely Judges! From the world of "High Fashion"—The President of the "BBD Jockey Shorts Company"—Mr. Thomas Alger!

Thank you, Bert! I'd just like to say that the "BBD Company" will be awarding **TWO** coveted prizes to tonight's winner... A \$7.50 Scholarship—and \$1000 worth of BBD Jockey Shorts!

Thank you, Mr. Alger! For our second Judge... from the world of "Charm and Poise"... here is the President of the Lady Sabrina Finishing School... Lady Sabrina Finishing herself! Er—Lady...?

Oh, my goodness! That's me! Thank you, Bert, and good luck to all of our lovely, lovely contestants! May the best broad win! And, oh yes, tonight's winner will be invited to attend the Lady Sabrina Finishing School—where we will finish her!

And finally—from the world of "Motion Pictures", here is our third Judge... the famous acclaimed Producer—Mr. Otto Pluminger!





Tenk you! I vant to say dot I vill personally audition tonight's winner for a possible part in my next possible picture—a sequel to my last two big hits . . . **"UNTAMED FLESH"** . . . und **"SON OF UNTAMED FLESH"**!

Thank you, Otto, and congratulations for winning **TWO Academy Awards** for **"Filth"**—one for color, and one for black & white!



And now, Ladies and Gentlemen . . . the moment you've been waiting for! It's time to bring on the broa—**GIRLS!**

First—here is **"MISS EASTERN UNITED STATES"**!

There she is, she represents the East! Just a glance tells you she's no beast! She stole my heart with all her kissing, But my wrist watch is also missing! So if any cops out there are listening—Keep your eye on the girl from the East!



And here's **"MISS WESTERN UNITED STATES"**!

There she is, she represents the West! Take your pick, is this sweet doll the best? She is the one girl that caught my eye . . . She's also the one that got me high! So if her parents are standing by—Keep your eye on your girl from the West!



And finally, **"MISS MIDDLE UNITED STATES"**!

There she is, she represents the Middle! Will she win, that's really the big riddle? She is the beauty that gets my vote . . . Mainly 'cause she's been out on my boat! So if the Coast Guard is still afloat—Keep your eye on the girl from the Middle!



And now, while we wait for the next step in our "Miss American Pageant"—the **Personal Interview**, here's **Bess Myerling** with a word from our sponsors—**Clairvoyant Hair Products!**

Girls, do you have a problem like this poor child here? If so, you probably haven't taken off your hat! Er—take off your hat, idiot!



There! See that mess! If you're like her, you should try **Clairvoyant's new "Dozen Eggs Shampoo"** . . . the shampoo that contains one dozen eggs in every bottle! It's made for dry hair, oily hair, scrambled hair, sunnyside-up hair and once-over-easy hair! Look for **Clairvoyant's "Dozen Eggs Shampoo"** at your grocer's dairy counter tomorrow!



By the way, tonight's winner will be flown to **Paris FREE** on a world-famous **T.W.A. Jet** . . . provided, of course, she boards the plane after midnight on any **Monday-thru-Thursday**, and returns within **14 days!** **PLUS**—a **1966 Chauffeur-Driven Cadillac Limousine** will be placed at her disposal for a full two weeks right here in the **U.S.A.!** Unfortunately, it's the same two weeks our winner will be in **Europe!** Now, let's go down to Bert . . .





Ladies and Gentlemen, it's time now to meet our lovely contestants individually! But first... let's meet them one at a time!

Here is beautiful "MISS EAST"—Dianne Ringer!

Just listen to that spontaneous applause, Dianne!

It's wonderful, just wonderful, Bert! It's the most wonderful thing I've ever heard!

Tell us something about yourself, Dianne!

Well, Bert, I'm just like any other ordinary, well-built, sexy, girl! I love life and I love animals and I love children, and I want to be a nurse, and then a doctor, and then an atomic scientist—unless, of course, I lose tonight, in which case I'll probably be a Belly Dancer!



Beautiful sentiments, Dianne! And now we turn to the Talent portion of the competition! I understand you have a very Special Talent!

Yes, Bert! I cook and I knit and I sing!

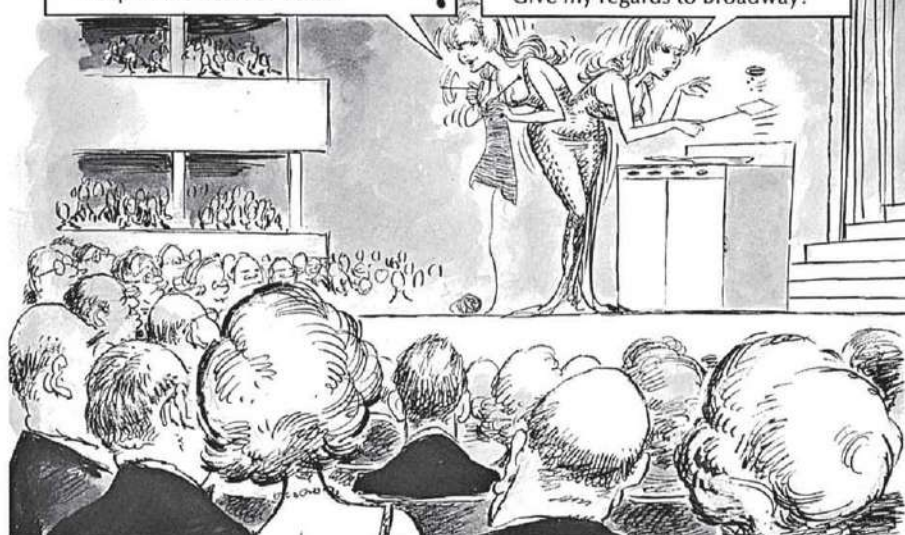
Yes, but I do them all at the same time! Watch!

That's not so unusual!



I wait for you when day is done—  
Knitting two and purling one—  
How do you like your hamburger done?  
Deep in the heart of Texas!

When day is done I wait for you—  
Knitting one and purling two—  
Perhaps I should have made a stew!  
Give my regards to Broadway!



Gee... that certainly was wonderful, Dianne!

Yes, but you'll have to forgive me for being so nervous! I just knitted you a hamburger!

Well, that's nothing to be embarrassed about!

How do you like your sweater—Well-done, Medium, or Rare?



Hey... what about me? Am I supposed to rot back here?

The golden voice of impetuous youth, folks! Now, it's time to say "Good-bye" to Miss East—

... and good riddance, too!

... and "Hello" to "MISS WEST"!

Are you calling li'l ol' ME??





Ladies and Gentlemen, let's meet "Miss West"—lovely **Betty Booze!** Tell us something about yourself, Betty!

Well, I'd just like to say that I love life and I love animals and I love children! But I **REALLY** love them! Not that cheap kind of love like the dizzy broad who went before me has for them!



I mean, I love Humanity! And if I win tonight, I'm going to take the prize money and buy all the Humanity I can lay my hands on! That's how much I love Humanity! Sob... I only wish... sob-sob—

There, there! Here's my hanky! Now, what about your **Special Talent**, Betty?

This—sob-sob—is it! **I CRY!** I—sob—can cry at a moment's notice! Sob-sob! Boo-hoo-hoo...

Well... if you'll cry off-stage, we can meet our final contestant—



Here she is—"MISS MIDDLE"—lovely **Lydia Lush!** Lydia tell us about yourself...

Well, I love all the poor people, and I love all the sick people... and nothing makes me happier than seeing a whole bunch of poor, sick people! I mean, I feel so—so above them! And I also love sports—all sports—even the sports who aren't exactly millionaires!



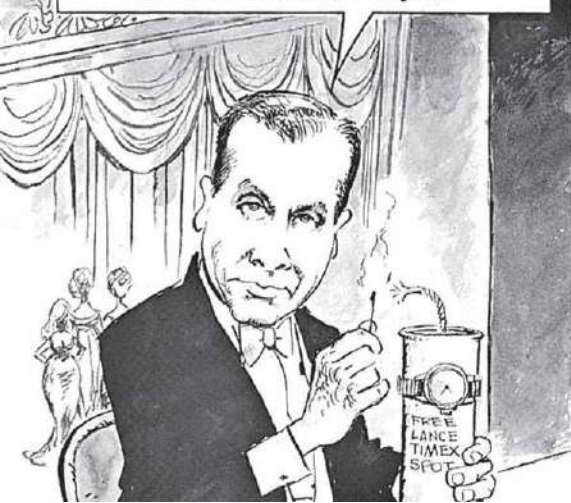
And how about your **Special Talent**, Lydia?

My Special Talent is hard to demonstrate on this stage, Bert...because it's **base jumping!** Nothing else gives me as big of a thrill as the chill of air blowing against my lady bits! But this is a big theater...perhaps I can figure out a way to jump for you!

And I guess all I have to do is say how high! Right, honey?



Well, folks, it's **Judging Time!** While the Judges are making up their minds which lucky girl will be asked to come up with a small deposit in order to wear the diamond "Miss American" crown, here is **Bess Myerling**—with a word from **Clairvoyant!**



Is it true blondes have more fun? Listen to Mrs. Selma Howzfrow—

Last month, I had dull, dingy, grey hair! Then one night, my husband came home and was he surprised! I mean, he was really shocked!



Since then, he's taken me dining and dancing almost every night! And he's given me jewelry and a fur coat and a new car! And it's all because I found out about that fabulous blonde he was seeing on the side! Yep, it's true blondes have more fun! But we girls with dull, dingy grey hair still manage to end up with the husbands!





So don't let that happen to you, Girls! Get **Clairvoyant "Dull and Dingy"**—the hair coloring product for the woman with marriage on her mind! Forget about being a blonde and having all that fun! Be a "Dull and Dingy"—have all that security! And now, let's go down to Bert...



Here it is, folks—that fabulous moment we've all been waiting for! May I have the envelope, please!

The Winner for the Best Supporting Actress in a Terrible Musical is—

Hey, this is the wrong envelope! The **RIGHT** envelope, please...



The Winner, and the new "Miss American of 1967" is... **MISS WEST... Betty Booze...**



This is a wonderful moment for you, Betty! Do you—er—have the small deposit with you?

Yes, I do, Bert! Here it is... \$10,000.00!

Then I officially crown you "Miss American"...

Golly, gee, this is such an honor! I can hardly believe it! And I can hardly wait to see all my old friends, so I can lord it over them!



The Runner-Up, by the way, is "Miss East"—lovely Dianne Ringer...

Thank you, Bert! I just want to say, from the bottom of my heart, it's better than nothing!!

And now, just to wrap things up, let's bring on the Loser, Lydia Lush, "Miss Middle"...



Oh wait...I just realized I forgot my para-CHU-U-U-



And that's typical of all the contestants in the Annual "Miss American Pageant" folks! She wasn't content to just lose the pageant...she had to be an overachiever and lose her life!

Well, that about wraps it up for this year, Ladies and Gentlemen! If you can take this kind of slush and phony sentiment again, tune us in next year! Till then, this is Mrs. Teeth's boy, Bert, saying "Nighty-night..."







Once upon a time, eyebrow maintenance wasn't a monthly expense, and gym-size beauty warehouses didn't exist. Now there's a plethora of products to enhance appearance, and some vain people are obsessed. To find out if you are one of them, check out these...

# Signs You're

## You've sought emergency treatment for a visible pore

He gets to go before ME?! I've been out here for 15 minutes, and my ice pack is WARM!!



## The kids dread "Mommy's hair time"

But we did watch Frozen, twice, and we're, like, super starving!



## Rent money was spent on grooming equipment

Want me to touch up your brows?





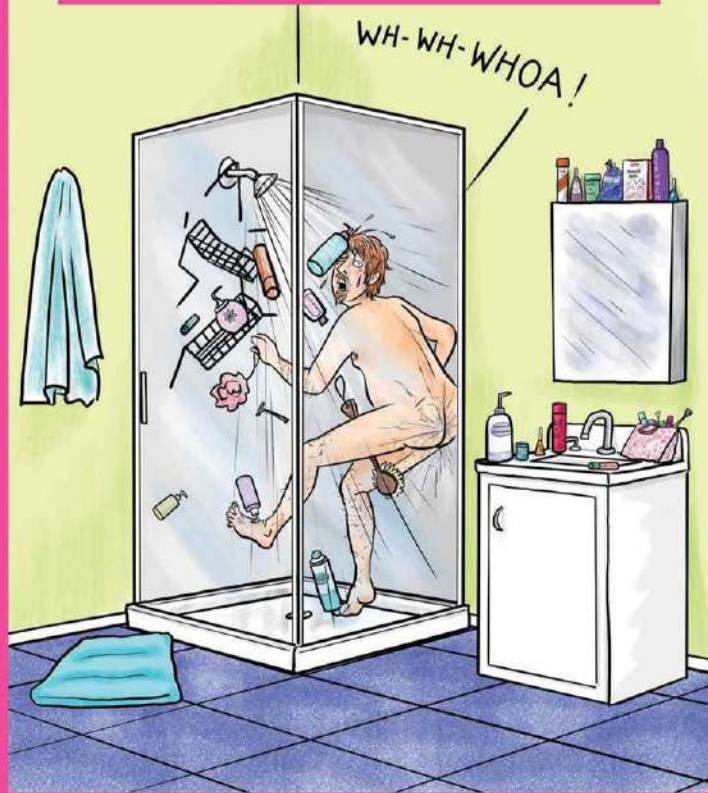
# Fixated on Flawlessness

WRITER & ARTIST TERESA BURNS PARKHURST

**When traveling, you need a trailer for all your supplies**



**Injuries have been sustained from product avalanches**



**Making plans is complicated**

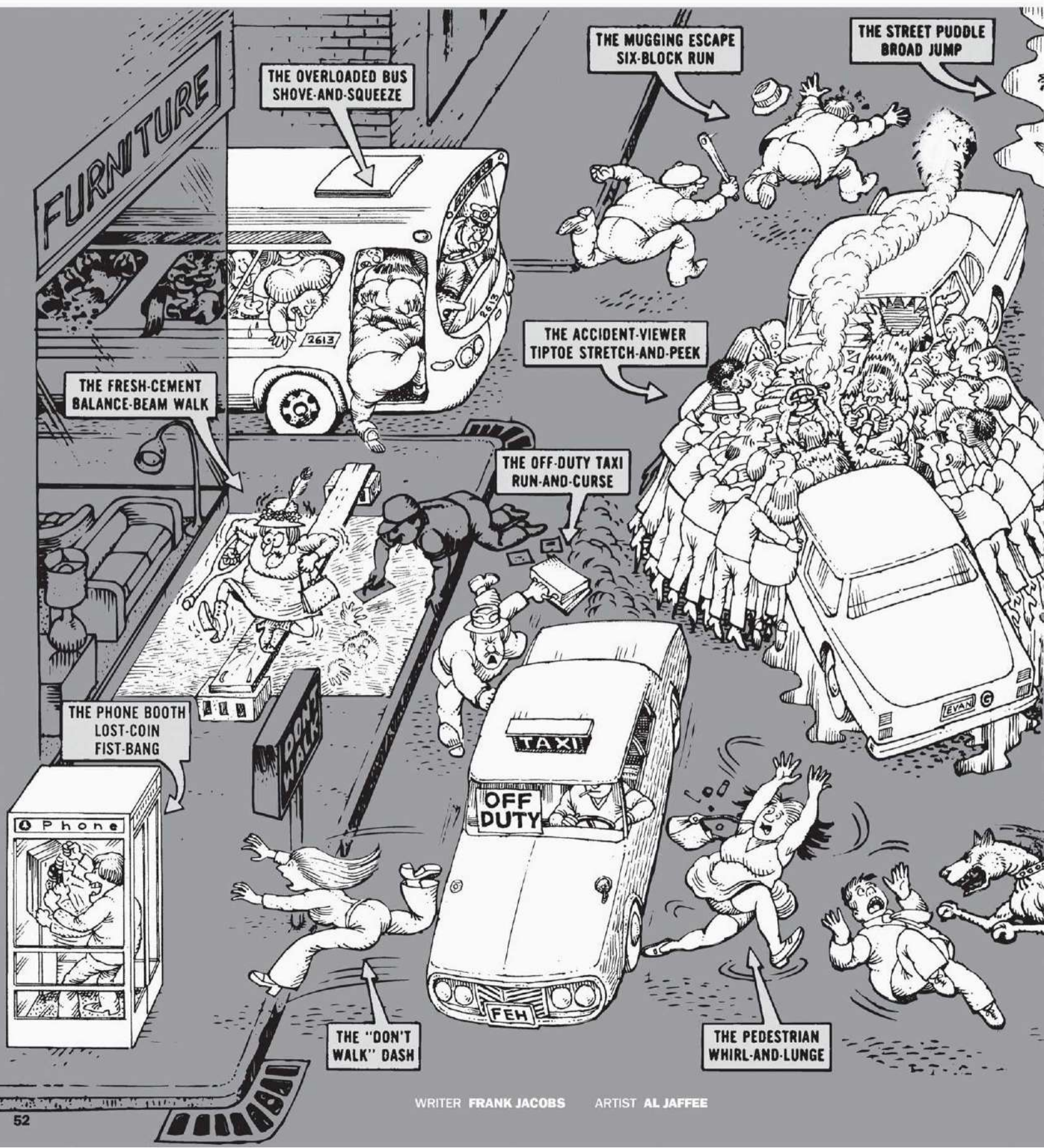
Who calls someone on a Tuesday and expects them to be ready by Friday??





We've read that people who live in big cities are becoming soft and flabby because of limited opportunities for exercise. But in fact, people in big cities get all sorts of exercise without even realizing it. As a matter of fact, they can't avoid it.

# UNAVOIDABLE EXERCISES



**WRITER FRANK JACOBS**

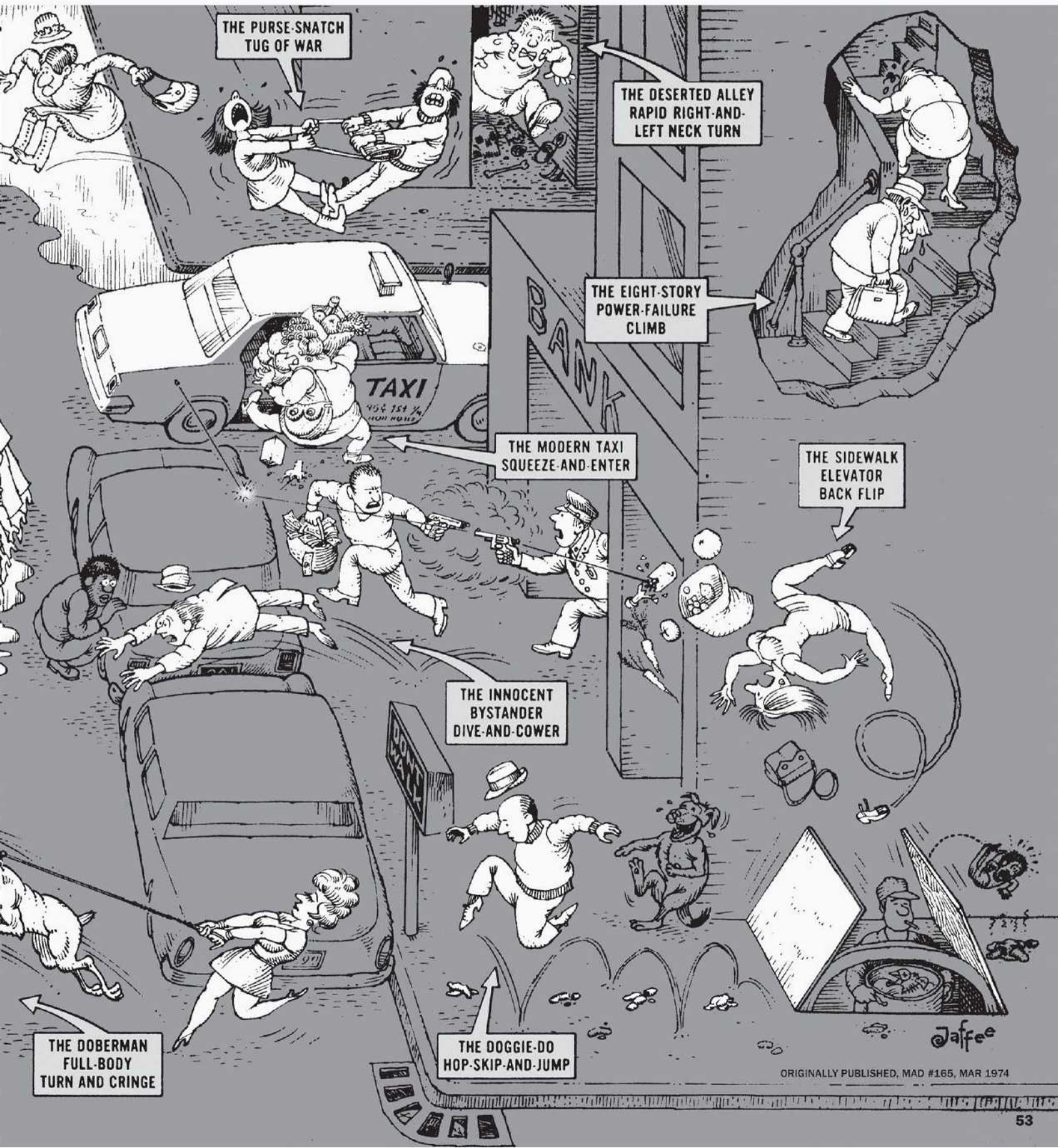
ARTIST AL JAFFEE





opportunities for sports and exercise. Well, we at MAD say that's ridiculous. People who live in  
void getting exercise, as you'll see in this panorama, depicting many and varied...

# FOR THE URBAN DWELLER



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# A MAD GUIDE TO RADICAL SELF-IMPROVEMENT



In this modern age, no one needs to be deemed a loser or an unsightly nuisance. After years of tireless (yawn) investigation, our research team at MAD has developed an easy five-step formula to radically improve your appearance. By using our highly scientific strategy, you'll not only become attractive, you'll also be extremely popular. Simply follow the instructions below. Remember, you have nothing to lose!

WRITER & ARTIST TOM BUNK



**STEP ONE:** To reduce your jumbo-size schnoz by 50 percent, fold it in the middle and fasten it permanently with a triple knot.



**STEP TWO:** Correct the flat back of your head by surgically removing your excess chin and stapling it to the occipital region.





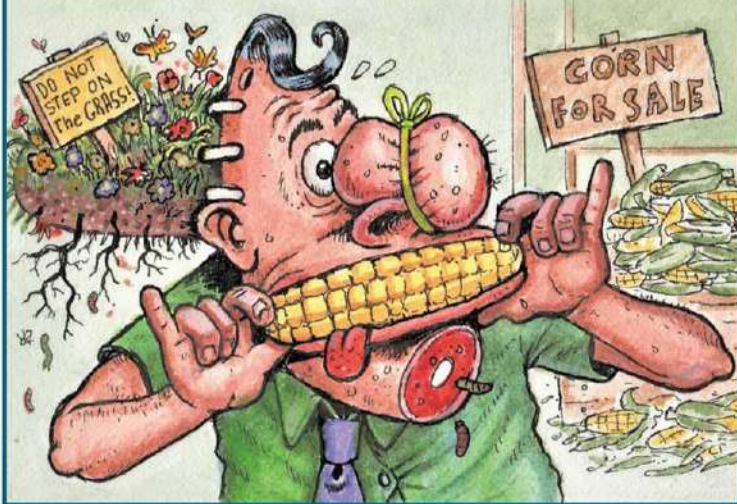
**STEP THREE:** There's nothing as attractive as a cool hairdo. Start growing one by sowing seeds of INSTA-GRASS on your balding head.



Then add water and wait 5-8 minutes for the seeds to sprout!

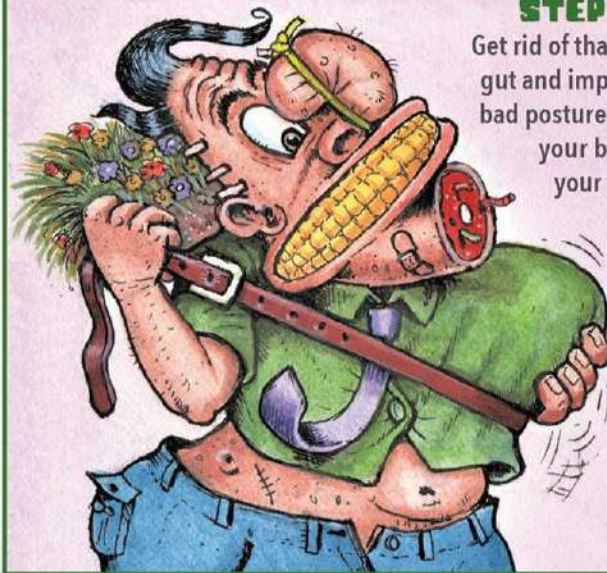


**STEP FOUR:** A healthy smile is crucial to success. Instead of wasting money on a dentist, just insert a corncob into your mouth.



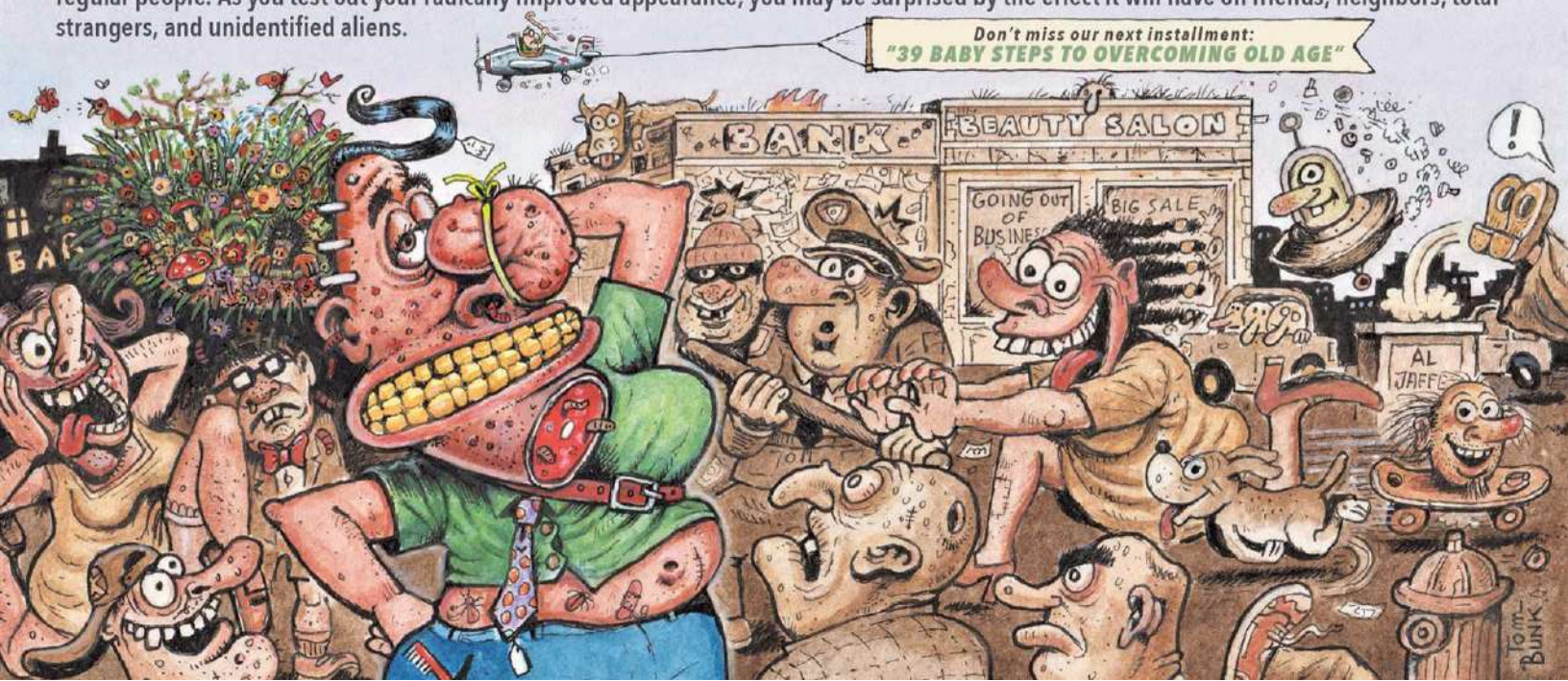
**STEP FIVE:**

Get rid of that oversize gut and improve your bad posture by lifting your belly up to your chest and adhering it with a belt.



**CONGRATULATIONS!** You have successfully completed the program and can safely step outside and mingle among regular people. As you test out your radically improved appearance, you may be surprised by the effect it will have on friends, neighbors, total strangers, and unidentified aliens.

Don't miss our next installment:  
"39 BABY STEPS TO OVERCOMING OLD AGE"







## ROB ZOMBIE'S BEAUTY REGIMEN

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HOW DOES THE HORROR MOVIE AND METAL MAESTRO STAY LOOKING SO ON-BRAND? WE GOT THE GOODS (AND THE BADS!) ON HIS DAILY ROUTINE.

Rise from my tomb and start the day by downing lemon water and two live mice.

Apply a face mask that deepens and darkens my eye sockets.

Feed the bugs in my beard.

Give my skin an Incinerator-smoke bath for maximum cragginess.

Do my forehead makeup (I like Clinique).

Drink a healthy smoothie made of almond milk, peyote, and plasma.

Meditate to better hear the demons in my head.



"Who would've thought that two members of a class-action lawsuit against a criminally negligent cosmetic surgeon could find true love?"

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WHICH BEAUTY  
TREATMENT IS  
MOST EFFECTIVE  
AT RAISING  
EYEBROWS?

## HERE WE GO WITH AN ALL-NEW MAD FOLD-IN

Feeling the pressure of today's unrealistic beauty standards, many people resort to cosmetic enhancements to alter their appearance. Of the many options available, there is one popular procedure that reliably produces a certain "look." To see which one that is, fold in as shown.

SWIPE FROM B TO A TO FOLD



ONCE CONSIDERED TABOO BY SOCIETY,  
COSMETIC PROCEDURES HAVE BECOME  
BROADLY ACCEPTED BY THE MASSES—AT LEAST  
BY THOSE WHO CAN AFFORD THEM.  
IMPLAUSIBLY ALTERED BODIES ARE TESTAMENTS  
TO STATUS AND DISPOSABLE WEALTH.

A

WRITER & ARTIST JOHNNY SAMPSON

B



**Why are we giving away the Bulgin' Belly Burner™ for only \$10?**  
**(Because we tried to give it away for \$20 and that didn't work!)**

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To see how desperate overweight people are, our Special Consumer Alert Movement (SCAM) is offering this truly amazing device.

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The amazing Bulgin' Belly Burner will not be sold in any store! It's only offered by mail, where you can't get your hands on one until you have already paid for it!

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Use the Bulgin' Belly Burner just 10

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